

But, let my prayer be:

*Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the faults I see,
That mercy I do others,
Show that mercy to me.*

HOW MUCH FEAR DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough fear to keep me right?
Proverbs 3:11 says, "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction."

HOW MUCH CONVICTION DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough conviction to do my duty? In **I Corinthians 9:16**, it says, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of....."

HOW MUCH BELIEF DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough belief to keep unspotted? The sum and substance of the preparation needed for a coming eternity is that we believe what the bible tells us and do what it bids.

IN CLOSING

HOW MUCH DETERMINATION DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough determination to press on? The acts of this life are the destiny of the next.

Lead me to some soul today,
O teach me Lord just what to day.
Friends of mine are lost in sin,
And cannot find their way.
Few there are who seem to care,
And few there are who pray.
Melt my heart and fill my life,
O give me one soul today.

HEAR: **Romans 10:17**
BELIEVE: **John 8:24**
REPENT: **Acts 17:30-31**
CONFESS: **Matthew 10:32**
BAPTIZE: **Acts 2:38**
ADDED: **Acts 2:47**



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ARE WE RELIGIOUS?

Business checks up on itself, frequently, to be sure that it is still headed for its original goals. Is there not a need for a similar check up on the part of the church?

Inward religion without the outward show of it is like a tree without fruit—USELESS, and the outward show of religion without inward sincerity is like a tree without heart—LIFELESS.

It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, proven by all history, that nations and men are blessed—WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD. But anything that makes religion a second object makes it no object, he who offers to God second place offers Him no place.

Two thousand years ago, Christ stood in the temple of Jerusalem and said “*I am the light of the world.*” But we have become so absorbed with the selfish pursuit of pleasure and profit that we have blinded ourselves to God’s standard of justice and righteousness. **Psalm 33:12** says, “*Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah.*” **Proverbs 14:34** says, “*Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.*” The saddest thing that can befall a nation or any people is when it loses faith in God and the Bible.

Jenny Lynd was one of the greatest singers the world had ever known, but there came a time when she retired from the stage and public life. A man came upon her one day, sitting by the seashore, her bible in her lap and her eyes lifted to the sunset. He asked her why she gave up her stage career when all the world was at her feet. She replied, “Every day I was losing appreciation for this” as she pointed to the sunset, “and every day I was losing my love for this,” as she laid her hand on the bible. It is true that if we give all of our lives to worldly things, THE BIBLE LOSES ITS CHARM.

Daniel Webster said, “If we abide by the principles taught in the bible, our country will go on prospering, but if we neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us.” It will cost something to be religious, but it will cost more not to be.

HOW MUCH RELIGION DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough to guard my zeal? Zeal without knowledge is like fire without a grate to contain it. The more you practice what you know, the more shall you know what to practice. All wish to possess knowledge, but few, comparatively speaking, are willing to pay the price—STUDY. The more we practice what we know, the more essential knowledge is of our duties.

HOW MUCH FAITH DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough to move me? Faith is an all-seeing and personal God elevating the soul, and the saddest thing that can befall a soul is to lose faith in God. For in the greatest danger, faith says I have a great God. **Hebrews 11:7** says, “*By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen, moved with fear.*” Remember **Psalm 23**? And Christ said, “*I will never leave you.*” Even in the midst of sorrow and death, faith draws the sting out.

HOW MUCH WISDOM DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough to know the sources of knowledge? The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, which consists of a complete devotion to God. **Proverbs 23:19** says, “*Hear thou, my son, and be wise and guide thine heart in the way.*” The first point of wisdom is to know that which is false. The second is to know that which is true.

HOW MUCH LOVE DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough to be unselfish? Love gives itself—it is not bought. The days grow shorter, the night grows longer, the headstones thicken along the way, and life grows sadder. But, love grows stronger for those who walk with God.

In **1 Corinthians 13:3**, Paul said, “*Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not LOVE, it profiteth me nothing.*” Love is the greatest thing that God can give us—FOR HE HIMSELF IS LOVE.

HOW MUCH INFLUENCE DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough to move others? The chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death. Why? **John 12:10, 16** says because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus. The influence of a faithful Christian is a guide to paradise.

HOW MUCH COURAGE DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough to stand for truth? In **Acts 20:24**, Paul said, “None of these things move me. Neither count I my life dear to me. Why? That I might finish my course.

HOW MUCH INTEREST & LOVE DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough to win others? Yet we hear these words:

*Why didn't you tell us sooner.
The word came sad and low.
O, ye who knew the gospel truths,
Why didn't you let us know.
The Savior died for those who sin,
He died to save from woe.
But we never heard the story,
Why didn't you let us know.*

*You have had the gospel message,
You have known a Savior's love.
Your dear ones passed from Christian homes,
To the blessed land above.
Why did you let our fathers die,
And into the silence go.
With no thought of Christ to comfort,
Why didn't you let us know.*

*We appeal to you, O Christian,
Why didn't you tell us sooner.
Christ died to set man free—
Nineteen hundred years have passed,
Since disciples were told to go.
You say you are Christ's disciples,
That you try His work to do.
And yet, His very last command,
Is disobeyed by you.*

NO EXCUSE, FOR YOU SEE, INTEREST SPEAKS ALL LANGUAGE.

HOW MUCH CONFIDENCE DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough confidence to hold fast? **Hebrews 3:14** says that we are made partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence. Our society should be built upon truth and truth upon confidence in God and one another.

HOW MUCH MERCY DO I HAVE?

Do I have enough mercy to forgive? **Matthew 18:28** states that the servant that owed ten thousand talents and was forgiven of his debt, would not forgive his fellow servants who owed only a hundred pence. So often we hand folks over to God’s mercy and show none ourselves.

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