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FIRST WEEK.

Sunday.

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH MY LIFE?

TEXT: I COR. XIII. 11.

'When I became a man, I put away childish things.'

TO-DAY is the beginning of a new week. To-day I want you to look life in the face, and see what can be made of it.

You are growing out of childhood into manhood. It is time for you 'to put away childish things.'

The difference between a child and a man is just this, that a child lives on from day to day, without any care for the future; a man has an aim in life.

A child is fanciful, changeable, easily turned aside by the opinion of others.

2 *First Week—Sunday.*

The first proof of a man is strength of purpose.

If you would act your part nobly in life, you must learn to be strong. Strong to resist evil, strong to seize all opportunities, strong to make the most of life; fearless in action, facing life with head erect, with stout heart and ready arm, working, watching—that is what God put you in the world for.

The danger that besets youth is carelessness, drifting to and fro with no real aim. You will never reach the goal in that way.

Above all things you must be in earnest.

To-day your life lies all before you; what will you do with it?

Remember, no man can live out his life twice over. If it is a failure, it is an unalterable one. If it is a success, it is an eternal one. You are a working man, but your life may still be a splendid one. St. Peter was only a poor fisherman. His life was spent in poverty, but he made it glorious by courage, by truth, by self-sacrifice, by love.

There is no reason why you should not live out as grand a life as any of God's highest saints. God's grace is still ready to help. To each of us the same command is given: 'Be ye therefore perfect.' It is only our laziness and love of self that stand in our way.

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Dare to be purer and nobler than your fellow-men : strive after it with heroic resolve and you will surely succeed.

If you turn away to-day and say, 'I can't,' you are taking the first step towards a miserable failure. You are spoiling your life.

And recollect also that no man can ruin his own life without helping to ruin other lives as well. By bad example, by mockery, by dishonesty, by sensuality, you are daily digging men's graves. You are murdering other souls as well as your own.

Your life is a great responsibility. God will ask you one day for an account of it. He is watching to see what use you make of it. His angels are watching you, men around you are watching. Play your part like a man.

'Quit you like men, be strong.'

PRAYER.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast come down from heaven to teach men how to live, give me grace to spend my life to Thy honour and glory. Make me earnest in doing Thy will, steadfast in aim, strong in purpose. Grant that being henceforth no more a child, 'tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine,' I may grow up to true