

were both very lovely girls. They taught Sunday school classes in the same church, were raised by a good Christian mother, and never did anything wrong. The older girl, Miss D_____, was not quite so sure. She said, "Doctor, I was up last evening until quite late, reading my Bible and wondering if I had everything for salvation that I should have. I do not feel at all happy about my condition and would be so glad if you could give me any help."

Opening my Bible to John 3:16, I handed it to Miss D_____ and said, "Will you please read this verse slowly and aloud?"

She did so and added, "I know that verse well and have always believed it."

"But you still feel, do you not, Miss D_____, that you are perishing and are still lost?"

"Yes, I do," she answered, "and yet I do not understand why, when I believe all of the Bible."

"It is because you have believed the facts, but this belief has not led you to accept God's gift of His Son. Why do you not take Christ just now? He is the One who will save you from perishing. He will save you this moment, if you will take Him and make Him, just now, your own Lord and Saviour. Will you trust Him with your soul?"

The heart of the young lady responded immediately to the call, and with a glad heart she accepted the Saviour, offering her hand to me across the desk in evidence of her sincerity.

Turning to her sister, I said, "Miss S_____, it is quite evident that you do *not* believe the Bible."

"I certainly do," she replied, "every word of it."

"I want you to read this passage in Romans 3:9-19 and tell me whether this description is true of you."

She read it clear through from my Bible which I had handed her and said emphatically, "No, sir, indeed it is not true of me; I am not that kind of a woman."

"Very well," said I, "take these scissors"—and I handed her mine—"and cut this passage out of the Bible, for I do not want anything in my Bible that is not true."

Miss D_____, who had trusted the Saviour, spoke to her sister and said, "Sister, you know that you are as bad as that. God always speaks the truth, and you should acknowledge it."

"I know better," she replied, "I have not lived that kind of a life at all."

Interposing in the conversation, I said to Miss S_____, "This is not a description of your *deeds*; it is a record of what God sees in your heart."

"I reject it," she answered, "and will not believe that I am as bad as that. I will not cut it out of the Bible, however, for it certainly is true of some folks that I know."

"Perhaps, Miss S_____, we can find some other passage in the Bible that *is* true of you. Please read this portion in Mark 7:21-23 and tell me whether you think those thirteen things describe your heart correctly."

When she came to verse 23 and read, "All these evil things come from within and defile the man," she spoke rather forcefully and said, "No, sir, most of these things are not true of me, but the last two things are, for I know that both pride and foolishness are often in my life."

Upon hearing this partial confession, I handed Miss S_____ a lead pencil, and said, "Will you please write at the end of verse 23, 'All but Miss S_____?' Since you say that all of these things do not come out of *your* heart, we should revise the Bible to make it tell the truth. If you wish, you can write in the margin of my Bible, 'Only the last two things come out of my heart.'"

This suggestion did not please Miss S_____ at all. She rather resented it and said, "God wrote the Bible the way He wanted it. I certainly will not presume to add any words to it. These verses may be true of many wicked people, but I tell you again that I do not like that kind of a wicked life."

It was quite evident now that the passages concerning outrageous sins would not appeal to her at all, so I suggested that we turn to another passage and see whether this one might fit her case. The portion turned to was Matthew