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Dear Bro. Corlis I received your letter this morning and was glad to hear from you, I am pressed with much writing yet feel inclined to drop you a word, we are in the midst of our campmeeting the Lord has strengthened me to bear a straight forward powerful testimony which has impressed the people this people have had but few religious privileges and they have had but little preaching it was a feast to hear their testimonies this morning they had something to say in intelligent words of experience came from many that showed the Lord was working upon their hearts, Our work is to talk much upon practical godliness, the great danger with our people who have had great light is to not prize their privileges and opportunities and as blessing from God of the highest value, the disciples did not appreciate this highest privilege of having Jesus in their midst until his blessing was removed from them, Jesus then was crucified they did not know what he was to them until too late, just so with us all, we do not know or appreciate the sacred gift of God in the light the opportunities he grants us. If the testimonies of his spirit were prized as the voice of God to men in warm sincere words in reproof our people would not be as cold and lukewarm as they are today it is the growing of unbelief in the testimonies of the Spirit of God which leaves the people in darkness, let us consider this matter Is this the voice of God? has he signified his will? has he warned of danger? has he presented before his people what they must do and what they must do in order to be saved? But the people pay no heed some also profess to be leaders explaining the scriptures to



are indifferent to the word of God through clay what if  
they treat them with disrespect how much easier will this  
unbelief and this disrespect be accepted than expressed faith  
and why because the natural heart is in accordance  
with the unbelief it pleases the carnal heart to be un-  
disturbed in their errors and sins, and if they can find  
the least excuse to through demerit the value of these testimonies  
they feel easier in their selfish indulgence. O how easy for  
a little leaven of unbelief to leaven the lump, but  
suppressing these testimonies are indeed the voice of God to  
the people when how can we regard the worth and influence  
of those who will not acknowledge the voice of God in the  
testimonies become, but also have traced their hearts against  
them, whose voice is never heard among the people urging them  
to give attention to the light from the throne of God. How will  
their work stand in the judgment, how many hear these ministers  
drawn with them to pay no heed to the voice of God why his  
work is of that character that it would have been better for  
the people of God in the end if their voice had never been  
heard as a watchman on the walls of Zion. He placed greater  
confidence in his own private judgment than in the words  
that God sends. The time will come that the people will see this  
in its true bearing but it will be too late to make the  
great change upon these ministers the loss of their souls  
and these ministers are among us to day these men are exalting  
their own ideas and plans above the ~~pleasure~~ light God has given  
them these men allow self to come in between them and the  
people and to shut out heavens rays of light given to the people  
where there is no vision the people perish. How easy for the  
people to look to their minister rather than to God for them-  
selves and some him conscientiously knowing what is of God for  
them selves, One brief hint of disrespect in regard to the light  
given in testimony will go further with minds unimpaired  
by the special grace of God than fifty sermons to prove their  
validity. Those who sow unbelief will reap the harvest they  
have sown. The seed will spring up and bear fruit a harvest of  
unbelief. He may have his faith confirmed and then wish to  
gather up the seeds he has sown of unbelief and infidelity  
but can he gather it up, no indeed the might gather up the  
all his might, from day to day but, he cannot gather up the  
seeds of doubt of questioning, he has sown some of our ministers  
choose to disbelieve because they have most earnest work to do  
to correct the faults in their characters and to purify their  
lives. It is a big job if they can only quiet their consciences  
that the testimonies are not from God they feel at ease to go  
on in their wrongs. I tell you there are is liberiousness  
in our ranks that fearful there is want of virtue and honesty  
just destroy the confidence of the people in the testimonies  
of the spirit of God and we shall see a demoralized state  
of things that we do not dream could exist.



But few realize what a blessing God has bestowed  
 upon them in purifying the church those who are living  
 in daily communion with Christ will learn to place his  
 estimate upon men to reverence the pure and the good  
 without regard to wealth or station they will not hesitate  
 to condemn sin despite the false honors with which they  
 may be crowned. We are living in the last days  
 dangers <sup>are</sup> thickening around us 'tis easy in the heed to  
 live after the world's opinions, there are prejudices  
 and wrongs in society which no Christian can  
 sanction or countenance. But those who profess  
 present truths are not all what they profess they  
 are Ministers who are blind leaders of the blind  
 they are constantly seeking to meet the demands of the  
 world you must say they conform to certain Jewish  
 usages come out from among them and be ye  
 separate so that the Lord touch not the clean, and  
 I will receive you. Our Ministers are being deceived  
 they are not all representatives of Christ they are so  
 cluttered with their own foolish notions so changed by  
 worldly maxims that self is most prominent conscience  
 is an inconvenient affair and they break over its  
 admonitions. Pro Corin. I entreat of you to walk  
 humbly be willing to be servant of all. Become  
 patient meek pure and simple as a child put  
 away everything like pompousness and self exaltation  
 in this generation is corrupting our Ministers  
 Christ's lost sight of self is magnified.  
 As a people the knowledge of our true condition is hid  
 from us because we close our eyes and ears to the  
 truth. We see but perceive not we hear but do not  
 understand we rest as satisfied and unconcerned  
 as though the cloud by day and the pillar of cloud  
 by night rested upon the sanctuary. We profess to love



but in words deny him We reckon our selves as his  
 own peculiar people and yet his presence and his power  
 to save to the utmost are seldom Manifest among us  
 How great is our darkness and we know not,  
 The light shines in the Word of God and in the testi-  
 monies but we do not comprehend it. Our words do  
 not correspond with our faith, our doings are directed  
 adhere to the principles of truth and righteousness  
 The church is not separate from the world but many  
 practice her abominations and yet sit in heavenly  
 places and content for and have pleasure in unrighteousness  
 Pride covetousness come of the world also can live in her midst  
 without fear of banishment or condemnation There are  
 sins of a grievous character existing in our midst  
 but we are not alarmed or convicted the generality  
 is the church ~~is~~ flourishing peace and spiritual  
 prosperity is in her borders she is not afflicted and astonished  
 because her character and influence is what it is,  
 I see enough to humble my soul daily before God and  
 to seek to cling more closely than ever to my simplicity  
 that none of the deceptive delusions of these last days shall  
 corrupt my testimony May the Lord make my face  
 character to reflect the character of Christ and may  
 be enabled to stand against the rising tide  
 of unbelief and moral darkness, Our delusion is  
 strong indeed when we mistake the form of godliness  
 for the spirit and power thereof, Where are the ministers  
 who in trumpet tones are warning the people to flee from  
 the wrath to come (who are showing my people their  
 transgressions and the house of Israel their sins  
 where is the deep heart searching where is the hearty  
 brokenness before God where do we hear the warning  
 the reproof of sin the deep earnest exhortation to  
 purity and holiness where do we hear the agonizing  
 cries before God the wrestling prayer of his to old  
 fashioned to come in our midsts there are few  
 genuine conversions few deep religious experiences  
 May the Lord let the power of truth break up the  
 fallow ground of our hearts and lead us that we may  
 fall upon the rock and be broken lest it fall upon  
 us and grind us to powder Some to give <sup>and better ones</sup> <sub>to give</sub>