

The Two tated person.

Our effort on others reaches down through the years. We build a power we know not of. Our influence is felt upon generations yet unborn. There is no necessity for any feeling of mediocrity if we do what our conscience tells us is right.

Story for children. Emerson's
Essays Religion P.P. 34-

We all know of people who are outstanding to us. Not because of their achievements but because of their personality. They

dare to be themselves
and their personality
shines forth to be long
remembered. Truth in
all its simplicity and
virtue is theirs and
the soul has grown until
it dwarfs all other
achievement and appears
in every act (and its
observers turn ever to it
in loving memory)

Old Testament

2. Samuel c 22 v 33

Reading 29 - 33

&

New Testament

Matthew c 9 - v 1 - 8

Text v 33 of c. 22

2nd Samuel.

God is my strength and
power and he maketh
my way perfect.

Prayer

We ask that our hearts
be guided by Thee. Introduce
us into thy strength and
power so that all our
ways may be made
perfect. In Jesus name
who taught us when we
pray to say Our Father
Who art in Heaven. —

Test.

God is my strength and
power and he maketh
my way perfect.

To the layman asked
to take a church service
the question immediately
is one of self examination
Am I able? Is there a
message I can give
and if so will it be one
of cheer and hope. The
world is so full of the
opposite these days, so
full of foreboding so
hopelessly muddled. At least
it appears so. It appeared
that way over three thousand

years ago to the old
prophets of the Bible, Jeremiah
Isiah, Amos, Hosea and
many others. When we
take stock of the world
of today and be honest
with ourselves the world
as we know it has
improved much since that
time. It is ~~perhaps~~ the
people in it that are to
blame. God has been bountiful
in his mercies to mankind.
Our cup is measured full
and running over and
yet we ~~seem~~ to fall far
short of being the joyous
people one would expect
of a group ^{inheriting} ~~possessing~~ such

boanty.

26 ~~more~~ us

Despite so many material comforts for many of us man still strives for the mastery of power. Bigger farms, bigger fortunes, bigger business, bigger buildings, bigger machinery, bigger guns and bigger bombs. For what? So that man may gain mastery over his fellow man! In gaining mastery he feels more powerful and as his private personal sins increase so does the demand for power. He has to have power to offset the feeling of guilt over the fashion he

is going to give
what is he going to give
mastery, what is he going to give
If he gains mastery, what is he going to give

has acquired that power.
He dare not be himself, he
has to conform to the
pattern set by the society
or group within which he
moves and has his being.
He finds himself shackled
to the very way of life he
so desires to get rid of.

In attempting to enslave
his fellow man he has
indeed lost his freedom
and to keep his sense of
power must ever tread
the mill faster and faster,
a virtual slave himself.

What then can set him free?
~~Well~~ When a merchant wants
to know where he stands
financially he takes stock.

He does it realistically
and thoroughly neither
over ~~estimating~~ nor under
estimating his true financial
worth.

What of a spiritual and
soul evaluating stock taking?
Here man hesitates. If he
takes true stock of his soul
in the light of Gods eternal
truth he is afraid he will
find himself bankrupt.

The red ink in the ledger
of life may be copious.
He hesitates to tell his
wife or his friends of his
dilemma although they may
have seen it long beforehand
and be waiting and ready
to help him. Lucky is the

man ^{a woman} who in that
day of stock-taking can
remember the words "Come
unto me all ye who are
weary and heavy laden
and I will give you rest."
Luther still is he who
says deep down within
himself "Lord forgive me a
sinner" and means by
those words to lead a new
life from then on. He
will find that the words
for Christ's sake so often
used before in blasphemy
become very real and
meaningful. God sent us
his Son to reveal to
us the true character and
power of the Father and

When a man or woman
turns over a new leaf and
brings Christ the Lord into
all his considerations they
find a power outside
themselves that transcends
all that earthly power they
have sought to acquire
heretofore. Christ becomes
a living presence, someone
to turn to and someone to
follow. Here perhaps is
the meaning of that ^{32nd} verse
in the 10th chapter of St Matthew
He that loveth father or mother more
than me is not worthy of me
and he that loveth sons or daughters
more than me is not worthy of
me. When we put Christ
presence and help and power
ahead of all family ties then

the world drops into its proper perspective and we become men or women as God intended us. We find a power that enables us to break away from the crowd and from the sins that have enslaved us. We desire that since the world began God has been holding out the power that ^{controls} ~~manages~~ the universe to purify man. All that he had to do was reach up and take the Master's hand and let Him be the guide and in reaching he partook of a power that made man one with the universe. That power expanded and enlarged the soul. With the growth of the soul came a sense of humility and a determination

for service to God as never
experienced before and a
new man emerged with
the light of glory in his eyes.
He has gained mastery not
over his fellow man but
over himself, his own worst
enemy and in gaining
mastery over himself he has
lost desire for mastery over
his fellow man and in its
place has acquired the desire
that he can help his fellow man
by guiding them to the Master
too. When we turn completely
to Jesus, put our problems in
his hand, ask for His help
and follow him then and
only then ~~does~~ ^{can} the ^{care of this} world assume
~~the~~ proper proportion and
we can say with Samuel of
old

God is my strength and
power and he maketh my
way perfect.

Let us bow in prayer
Lord let us abide in Thee
this day. Let us put our
trust and faith in thee and
find that power which is not
of this world but in it for
all men to use it they will
but seek and find, know
and have Thee open unto them
Amen.