

Life Lessons

A Walk with the Wise

Solomon wrote: ***“He that walks with wise men shall be wise” (Prov. 13:20).*** May I introduce you to the young British preacher F. W. Robertson. He died at the age of thirty-seven in 1853 after only thirteen years of ministry. **Take a walk with Robertson and you will surely come to redefine “failure” and in so doing your life will take on new hope, new strength, and new purpose.**

Frederick W. Robertson – known as “The Preacher’s Preacher” saw failure and loss become success and gain. That’s right...

our suffering can lead to our success!

Robertson served God through a life of continued physical illness. Possibly as a result of that he developed the bad habit of extreme self-dissection and self-criticism leading to depression. At the depth of difficulty in his life he saw a treasured friendship ruined and he wrote, **“It is an awful moment when the soul begins to find that the props on which it has blindly rested so long are, many of them rotten, and begins to suspect the all.”** Yet, out of the furnace of broken dreams (his lifelong ambition was to be a soldier like his dad), broken health, and a broken heart, God forged a message of truth that brought many to wholeness.

Truth... truth based upon the Word and carried out in life was the passionate and persistent target of his preaching ministry. He wrote, **“I would rather live solitary on the most desolate crag, shivering, with all the warm wraps of falsehood stripped off... than sit comfortably on more inhabited spots, where others were warm in a faith that is true to them but not true to me.”**

What *Life Lesson* can we learn from Robertson? ***The truth of God’s Word is the only foundation substantial enough to weather the storms of life.*** Difficulty, disease, and disappointment, often serve to scrape away the cheap manmade coatings we add to life. But, at the same time they expose the rich, deep, and vivid grain of the hardwood of the cross upon which our Suffering Servant died. Robertson was a soldier after all, just in a different army. With him we are called by scripture to...

“Endure hardness a good soldiers of Jesus Christ.”
(2 Timothy 2:3)