

Conclusion Said John Ruskin: "The great object of God's salvation is to make people not merely do right things, but enjoy them!
 —Not merely honest, but to love honesty . . .
 —Not merely just, but to love justice . . .
 —Not merely truthful, but to love truth . . .
 —Not merely good, but to love goodness . . .
 —Not merely pure, but to love purity . . .
 —Not merely holy, but to hunger and thirst after holiness!"

Ruskin was wise enough to see that God's biggest problem is not the problem of getting us into Heaven, but the problem of getting Heaven into us!

When this marvellous transformation has taken place, we will obey God's standards as naturally as a candle gives light, or a fire gives warmth, and we will not be strangers in our future heavenly home.

We will be ready for Heaven, because we already have Heaven in our hearts!

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A SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN STANDARDS

1.—HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE

(See Lesson 40—How to Care for God's Living Temple)

2.—SPEECH, SWEARING, TALE-BEARING

Ex. 20:7: *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.*

Eph. 4:29-32: *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth.*

Matt. 5:33-37: *Swear not at all.*

Matt. 12:36, 37: *For every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.*

Col. 4:6: *Let your speech be always with grace.*

Prov. 18:21: *Death and life are in the power of the tongue.*

James 4:11: *Speak not evil of one another.*

Lev. 19:16: *Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people.*

Prov. 26:22: *The words of a tale-bearer are as wounds.*

Prov. 26:20: *Where there is no tale-bearer the strife ceaseth.*

Prov. 20:19: *A tale-bearer revealeth secrets; therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.*

Prov. 20:3: *Every fool will be meddling.*

Prov. 16:28: *A whisperer separateth chief friends.*

Prov. 18:7: *A fool's mouth is his destruction.*

Prov. 17:27: *He that hath knowledge spareth his words.*

Ps. 141:3: *Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth.*

Ps. 19:14: *Let the words of my mouth . . . be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.*

3.—DECENCY, CHASTITY, SOCIAL PURITY

Ex. 20:14: *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

I Cor. 6:13-18: *The body is not for fornication, but for the Lord.*

Matt. 5:27, 30: *Whoso looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery.*

Prov. 6:32: *Whoso committeth adultery destroyeth his own soul.*

Eph. 5:3-5: *Fornication and all uncleanness, let it not be once named among you.*

Prov. 4:23-27: *Keep thy heart with all diligence.*

Matt. 5:8: *Blessed are the pure in heart.*

Gen. 39:9: *How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?*

Phil. 4:8: *Whatsoever things are pure, think on these things.*

II Cor. 10:5: *Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

4.—COURTSHIP, MARRIAGE, HOME IDEALS

Gen. 2:18-24: *Therefore shall a man cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh.*

Eph. 5:25-28: *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church.*

Ex. 20:14: *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*