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The converted man does not complain of what others fail to do. He works out his own salvation and eagerly seeks to help others do the same. He is not afraid to mingle with men of greater ability and be subservient to them. He hungers for light and is willing to receive it from whatever source it comes. The converted man is at peace with himself. He is not afraid of pain and trouble because he knows *“all things work together for good” Romans 8:28.* How does one get converted? Not by being persuaded by what he ought to do. He gets converted by doing it. Blessed are they who do!

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