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Tolerance

Following up our "Thoughts at Easter," another way to further our New Year's resolution to improve our daily conduct towards others is the practising of Tolerance.

Have you ever thought what this world would be like if everybody was exactly like yourself? Wouldn't it be a dull sort of a place if people were all alike and everybody was perfect? Practising Tolerance is recognising the fact that no person is perfect. Some people are more nearly perfect than others, but no one is absolutely perfect.

The most human quality about human beings is that they make mistakes, all kinds of them. Practising Tolerance is also recognising the fact that the other fellow has a right to be different. If we are tolerant we must never dislike people because they prefer different clothes, religion, political parties, etc. We must not try to be reformers, but put a little more "live and let live" into our philosophy. Most people dislike being told "you're wrong" because they can see or sense that not all is right with us.

Our Lord tells us in the Bible to remove the plank of our own shortcomings before reminding our neighbour about his trivialities. The Scripture also says "Put a guard on your thoughts." If we let our thinking go uncontrolled, we can find much to dislike in almost anyone. By the same token, if we manage our thinking properly and think right toward people, we can find many qualities to like and admire in the same person.

—W.R.