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-----"Read the text, 'Grieve not the Holy Spirit, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.' And again, in the first chapter of the same book, the 13th verse, 'In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.' You know, my brethren, the effect that one's habits have on others, that often the colour of the life is taken from those among whom we live. And you cannot be in the company of a holy man without receiving your impressions from him. But how much more an impression does the Spirit make: it is like the mark that the seal makes on the wax, and it is to the day of redemption, and cannot be broken, if we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. An now, brethren, let me ask, 'Do you know anything of this friend?' The world cannot receive him; if you are of the world, you cannot receive him. Do you know anything of Spirit making groanings within you which cannot be uttered? Nothing? Then, dear friends, you are far from God. 'The world cannot receive him....neither know him.' (John 14:17). How do you feel at the question? What! do you think it foolishness? 'The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them: for they are spiritually discerned' (1 Corinthians 2:14). If you do not mind these things, the reason is, you are a friend of the world, and will perish with the world." -Robert Murray McChesney

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