

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Dr. B. W. Lauderdale

1831-1895



Dr. B. W. Lauderdale was born in Sumner County, Tenn., June 30, 1831 and died in Shelby County, October 15, 1895. being reared by a noble Christian mother, he united with the Church of Christ at age sixteen. He graduated from the Louisville Medical College in 1853 and practiced medicine until after the war. He was married in 1860 to Miss Mary C. Taylor, of Tennessee, with whom he lived happily for more than thirty-five years. He entered the Confederate service as a surgeon in 1862 and served till the close of the war without losing a day for sickness or leave of absence, surrendering under General Forrest, May 28, 1865. He began preaching in 1868, and remained actively in the ministry until death, allowing nothing to keep him from his master's work.

He lived to bless humanity. He was always charitable and generous even to a fault. His skill and experience as a physician made his life as a minister a double blessing for the sick. Though he gave up the practice of medicine on entering the ministry, his life continued to be largely given to the ministrations on the sick. During the awful yellow fever scourge of 1878, he gave himself for weeks and months wholly to nursing the sick and dying, regardless of personal safety and without hope of earthly compensation. For more than twenty-seven years he preached the gospel incessantly over a large area of six or seven states. He founded many churches and is estimated to have brought into the master's fold no less than two thousand souls. He delighted to nurse weak churches into self-sustaining strength. His character was without spot or blemish in as high a degree as it seems possible for mortals to attain. His life, after his entrance into the ministry, was devoted and consecrated to the one great purpose of preaching the *"unsearchable riches of Christ."* His oft-expressed desire was to spend and to be spent for the Master. His faith in the promises of God was boundless. He said he had long since settled his eternal interests on an eternal basis.

B. W. Lauderdale departed this life at Bailey, Tenn., Oct. 15, 1895, after an illness of several months.

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland