

**Roosevelt  
at Labor  
Temple.**

Theodore Roosevelt visited the Labor Temple on December 17, where he spoke of the opportunity of the Church to lead in the great national movement for social betterment.

"If the church cannot take the lead in such work," he said, "then the church no longer deserves to be a power in the body politic. And by the church I mean all religious bodies and all the vast body of religious men and women, whatever church they attend or whether they attend any church at all. We have a right to expect the church to stand as a leader in the fight for the betterment of the condition, physical, intellectual and spiritual, of the people. Ours is a democracy. The experiment means nothing unless it is kept a democracy, and to do this every social movement must have its expression in the lives of the people themselves.

"I don't know which to distrust the more—those who deliberately blind their eyes to the need for betterment and who look on at the misery of others without trying to help them out, or those others who give leadership that tends to lead our people astray in their struggle for betterment. If a man doesn't recognize that there are new conditions to be met, if he doesn't realize that life means change and that changes must be made in human arrangements to meet the changes in conditions, he isn't worthy to be trusted with leadership.

"Distrust beyond all other men the man who gets you to follow him on the ground that he will help you by doing something crooked on your behalf. Distrust, too, the man who counsels you to enter on a career of revenge—of righting one wrong by committing another, and so starting an endless chain of wrongdoing."

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