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Laffrues though after humiliated
even ⁱⁿ the dust & their persecutions,

Now you used to quote that
passage which says "He that laboreth
the rich is not wise, ~~and~~ I
know I used to think a great deal
about when I should be able to
lay up wealth, I have lived out
my life thus far by impulses
many may have looked upon my course
as hasty, I have made up my mind
for each move with a sudden impulse
though I have ^{usually} ~~carefully~~ considered these
well before putting them into execution
now I have always had a desire for
wealth and still have but I
do believe that passage of scripture is
true and another truth which should
be coupled with it is "He that

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strives not for earthly blessings
is not wise, too many want
God to raise their crops & yield
the grain and almost put into their
believe, I do believe that God helps
those who help themselves & I believe
that ~~the~~ often chasteneth those he loveth

Now I want to attain wealth
but I want to live a life devoted
to the true God and to mankind,
my purpose is strong but my mind
is weak. You know my plans
for ^{fortune} I think, I intend to remain in N.Y.
2 or 3 years longer and then return
to the West, probably "Chicago"
my stay in N.Y. is not for the
purpose of making money but for
cultivating my knowledge of business
as can only be learned by practical