**"You have never seen the like of me before!" exclaimed the Spirit.**

**"Never," Scrooge made answer to it.**

**"Have never walked forth with the younger members of my family; meaning (for I am very young) my elder brothers born in these later years?" pursued the Phantom.**

**"I don't think I have," said Scrooge. "I am afraid I have not. Have you had many brothers, Spirit?"**

**"More than eighteen hundred," said the Ghost.**

**"A tremendous family to provide for," muttered Scrooge.**

**The Ghost of Christmas Present rose.**

**"Spirit," said Scrooge submissively, "conduct me where you will. I went forth last night on compulsion, and I learnt a lesson which is working now. To-night, if you have aught to teach me, let me profit by it."**

**"Touch my robe."**

**"God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim, the last of all.**

**He sat very close to his father's side upon his little stool. Bob held his withered little hand in his, as if he loved the child, and wished to keep him by his side, and dreaded that he might be taken from him.**

**"Spirit," said Scrooge, with an interest he had never felt before,"tell me if Tiny Tim will live."**

**"I see a vacant seat," replied the Ghost, "in the poor chimney-corner, and a crutch without an owner, carefully preserved. If these shadows remain unaltered by the Future, the child will die."**

**"No, no," said Scrooge. "Oh, no, kind Spirit. Say he will be spared."**

**"If these shadows remain unaltered by the Future, none other of my race," returned the Ghost, "will find him here. What then? If he be like to die, he had better do it, and decrease the surplus population."**

**Scrooge hung his head to hear his own words quoted by the Spirit, and was overcome with penitence and grief.**

How do both of these extracts (both taken from stave 3) show that Scrooge has begun to travel down the path of redemption and change?