

the sake of the sin itself willingly, it is evidence that we love sin better than freedom from it.

If we indulge in pride because we love to please ourselves and others in *appearance* and feel at the same time a settled satisfaction without remorse of conscience it is evident we lack watchfulness against Satan's devices, but if on the contrary conscience whips us by its warnings, excited by the presence of the ever-blessed Spirit we may know that God is using means to cleanse us of evil. The first evil effect that dress has upon us is, we feel lifted up as soon as we put on fine clothes and go out into the gaze of our fellow men. We are not content until somebody is *looking* at us. This evidence of weakness is seen in all both old and young, who love dress. It is seen very prominent in the heathen, and in proportion as we come near to the Lord through the saving merits of Christ, so will we see the folly of placing stress upon an outside appearance. This we may adopt as one rule to judge of the spirituality of another, by the importance he attaches to dress. We go out into the ranks of social life so called, and see the worldling, the man of fast habits, the hypocrite, the formal professor and all who are devoid of the chastening influences of the Holy Spirit, indulging in the love of making a fine show. They may cheat one another, but the grace-enlightened soul will not be caught with their butterfly glitter. A heart-sickening sensation comes over us as we think how soon all the tinsel and parade will come to nought which we see exhibited daily. The example we set, by indulging in pride, is a very dangerous one in the sight of the youth around. *Our* love of a fine appearance takes effect upon *them*, and as we are responsible for the influence we exert to a great extent, we find a double condemnation resting upon us not only in *personal* commission but in causing