

the first approaches of vice, which would desolate the kingdom of God, and “destroy those for whom CHRIST died.” * Thus will they be faithful to their trust; they will promote that righteousness which exalted a nation; they will prevent that sin which is the reproach and ruin of any people.

Parents should resolve to bring up their children “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; † hereby consulting the best interests of their offspring, in time and through eternity. They and all other heads of families should endeavour to train up those, who are under their care, in the way of righteousness; frequenting the publick worship of God, and setting up his worship in their families; resolving, like Joshua, that however others may serve their lusts and appetites, or dishonour God; as for them and their families, they will serve the Lord. ‡

In fine. All who have souls to be saved, and are interested in the prosperity of their country—all who wish to see religion flourish—peace, order and benevolence prevail; should heartily unite, not only in promoting righteousness, but also in the
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* Rom. XIV. 15. † Ephes. VI. 4. ‡ Josh. XXIV. 15.

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