

Direct in the path of his commandments.

At least twice every day this exercise be kept.

Diligently keep such order of reading the scriptures and prayer as may stand with his calling and state of life: so that—

The time once appointed hereunto after a good entry, be not otherwise employed.

Superstition be avoided.

Understand to what end and purpose the scriptures serve, which were written to—

Teach, that we may learn truth.

Improve, that we may be kept from error.

Correct, that we may be driven from vice.

Instruct, that we may be settled in the way of well doing.

Comfort, that in trouble we may be confirmed in patient hope.

Religion and the right worship of God—

Faith in one God, [Father, Son, Holy Ghost]

The state of mankind by. [1. Creation. 2. Fall and sin. 3. Regeneration in Christ.]

The Church and the government thereof, [Before Christ. Since Christ.]

The word of God written in the Testament, [Old. New.]

Sacraments, [Before Christ. Since Christ.]

The end and general judgment of the [Good. Wicked.]

Commonwealths and government of people, by—

Magistrates, [Good. Evil.] Peace and War.

Prosperity and plagues. Subjects, [Quiet. Disordered.]

Families and things that belong to households, in which are—

Husbands, Wives, Parents, Children, Masters, Servants, [Godly—blessed; ungodly—plagued.]

The private doings of every man in—

Wisdom and Folly. Love and hatred. Soberness and incontinence. Mirth and sorrow. Speech and silence. Pride and humility. Covetousness and liberality.

The common life of all men, as—

Riches. Poverty. Nobility. Favor. Labour and Idleness.

Refuse all sense of scripture contrary to the—

Articles of Christian faith contained in the common creed.

First and second table of God's commandments.

Consider the—

1. Coherence of the text, how it hangs together.