

THE LOVE OF STUDY.

To love study is a blessing from the Almighty, and a benefit to the student. It is a blessing, as it conveys to the mind a longing after useful knowledge, diverts the mind from those vain pleasures, (pleasures if so they may be called), which corrode it, and bring youth into eternal misery. It is a benefit to the student, as it enables him to study his subject, without that pain which is attendant on those persons who study only because they are compelled to do so. It were well if we could at all times sit down to study, with our minds free from those wicked thoughts which almost continually run through our mind, and which, unfortunately, we are apt too often to encourage.

There are two kinds of study: one from books, the other from nature. That from books conveys to the mind such information as has been picked up by the author, and is very essential. That from nature enables us to "contemplate the wonders of divine intelligence and power, in the objects with which we are surrounded." This should be our first study, as it enables us to look at those wonderful objects with an inquiring eye, and consequently must lead us to determine that there must be a maker. This is of the utmost importance to a Christian, as it clearly explains to him what the Almighty has done for our convenience, and how much we owe Him for all His kindness.

Without knowledge we must consider ourselves as very inferior. As an instance of this let us consider how the New Hollanders, a race of beings who are devoid of any talent—who cannot make for themselves a place to live in—any thing which would cover their naked bodies—and in short any thing which is beneficial for the comforts of life. I doubt not, but were we without knowledge, we would be as inferior as them. 'Tis true they are a newly discovered people; but it is well known that they are making little or no progress in the arts—and as yet they are unable of themselves to do any thing from which might be derived comfort. Captain Cook says, when he discovered them they looked like baboons—seemed not to be surprised at the ship—and looked at all the other things which he had, and which they had hitherto been unaccustomed to, without the least surprise. By these proofs, then, we see that study is essential to gain that information by which we are brought to a knowledge of our Creator—by which we are elevated above the lower order of animals—and by which we learn to do all those things necessary for the common comforts of life. If, then, it be admitted that it is necessary, as the foundation of religion, to have the mind impressed with that knowledge which leads us to comprehend the natural perfections of the Deity, we must determine that to seek and study it should be our first endeavour. **MODESTUS.**

PHILIP OF MACEDON being advised to banish a man who had railed at him—"Let us first see," said he, "whether I have not given him occasion." And understanding that this man had done him services without receiving any reward, he gave him a considerable gratuity.

FOLLOW PEACE.—Do not offend a bad man, because he will stick at nothing to be revenged. It is cruel to insult a good man, who deserves nothing but good. A great man may easily crush you—and there is none so mean who cannot do mischief. Therefore follow peace with all men.

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