

A character formed on the principles, and according to the model, distinctly laid down by divine authority, may be expected to exhibit such qualities as the following. The person possessing it would maintain a strict integrity in all his concerns, making his engagements with caution, and fulfilling them with scrupulous fidelity. He would take no mean advantage of any favourable circumstances in which he might be placed ; but, while he would call his skill into exercise to take every honest advantage of their occurrence, he would remember the claims of equity and honour. His wishes for himself would regulate his treatment of others. The duties of his vocation he would discharge with unremitting assiduity, and its objects he would pursue with diligent activity, yet with calm perseverance, so moderating his attention to them as to *possess his soul in patience*. He would be careful not so to entangle himself with a multiplicity and diversity of concerns as to perplex and fetter his mind ; but reserve himself for such other occupations as duty or inclination call for. Against that feverish anxiety which results from rash and hazardous speculations he would be especially on his guard. Remembering that a man's life and happiness consist not *in the abundance of the things which he possesseth*, he would seek to use as well as to appropriate, to enjoy as well as to obtain. A safe and moderate competency being the point at which he aimed, he would cheerfully devote to the attainment of it as much time as it required ; but would not suffer it to encroach upon other purposes, in his estimation at least equally valuable. The cultivation of the nobler faculties of