

we must watch over sinful self; hence our Lord so often insists on the necessity of self denial: and every one who believes his words, should keep a jealous eye on this radical corruption of our nature. Self-righteousness, self-sufficiency, self-indulgence, and self-will; must be denied, and that constantly. That it is necessary to the prosperity of the Church of Christ, is evident, for except the lives of professors correspond with the truths they profess; none can be expected to turn from their evil ways. We do not consider how much influence our conduct has on those about us. When they see our good works they will glorify our Father, who is in Heaven. Our conduct will also affect the internal peace of the Church: when its Members walk disorderly or conform to the world: how it affects the minds of their Brethren; not only the Minister, but all who feel the welfare of Zion at heart, will feel how painful the discharge of those duties are which relate to the misconduct of professors. See to it dear Brethren; that you practice holiness, temperance, piety, meekness, humility, veracity, honesty, and kindness; if these things be in you and abound, they make you that you shall neither be barren, nor unfruitful, in the knowledge of our Lord, and Saviour Jesus Christ.—Again,

3d. We recommend, a faithful discharge of all these duties, which devolve on you as Church Members. They will call your presence to the house of God, not only when his word is preached, but for social prayer, and christian conference, also to take an active part in the management of the affairs of the Church; and to contribute for those expenses which are needful for the relief of the poor; the support of the Minister, and other necessary charges of the Church: you must also exhort one another, warn the unruly, comfort the feeble minded, support the weak, and sharply rebuke the contentious and disaffected: but see that you are actuated by proper motives, and the spirit of Christ; that you may seek the good of each individual, and the glory of God. But respecting personal injuries, you must bear with one another, and forgive one another, as God for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you, and surely a pardoned sinner, must admit there is in his case, a close connection between being forgiven, and exercising the same happy disposition: it is the Christians nature, to "be merciful as his Father who is in Heaven, is merciful." Indeed it would betray our want of