

which would prevent you from adding grief to his sorrow, and would also prevent you from laying stumbling-blocks in the way of poor perishing sinners; and having such a disposition, you would warmly pray for their salvation. We often feel disturbed with coolness and a shyness towards our friends; but too often it is because our hearts are not right with God; we cannot feel hard against the worst character in the world, if we bear him on our hearts at a throne of grace. We may detest the crime; but a praying heart will pity the criminal.

7thly, Another evil we would warn you against is hastily contracting debts, without duly considering how those debts are to be liquidated; christians should owe no man any thing, that is, as much as possible avoid running into debt, and endeavour to pay every man his just due. Want of punctuality in professors of religion, tends to bring the religion of Jesus into contempt. Professional characters, merchants, mechanics, and even labourers have thrown blame on the blessed followers of the holy Lamb of God, for want of punctuality in paying their honest debts.

Brethren, it wounds our feelings to name it, but the general good requires it: we warn you against a withholding from the gospel labourer more than is meet, which certainly tends to poverty in the end.

We address the churches—Let every church (It devolves upon the Deacons) take an estimate of the property belonging to the church, and those that are friendly and would willingly aid in the support of the ministry; and then make an estimate of the probable sum that would be necessary to make him comfortable and his family, not to roll in luxury, nor pine in want and wretchedness, but so as to be comfortable and decent: so as you may not be ashamed of him in the pulpit, nor his house and family, nor he of you. Let there be a mutual agreement among you, how much he is to get,—when to be paid; whether quarterly, half-yearly, or annually: let it be stipulated what modes of payment, how much in specie, how much in produce, and what kinds of produce; and be sure not to impose upon the man of God, to

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