

adhere to the system of doctrines you have already embraced, but also feel more forcibly its beneficial and practical tendency.—You will clearly discern that a mere assent to the most excellent truths, if not productive of real holiness, can never unite your hearts to God, make you good members of society, or conduce to the noble ends of your being.—The truths of christianity in the head, however zealously defended, without the amiable spirit of Christ in the heart, are like a body without a soul, not only useless, but also inexpressibly odious.—Let it be your concern therefore, not only to know but also to feel and to practise the whole of religion; ever remembering, that whatever knowledge or gifts you may possess, if without *charity*, you are worse than nothing in his sight, who is the best judge of true excellence.—Daily cherish repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, love to God and man, and all those amiable dispositions which at once felicitate and adorn the mind, are the best evidences of the divine favour, and constant springs of diffusive benevolence. Or to use the incomparable language of Scripture, “Giving diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” For these ends, conscientiously regard all the means of grace; and be not satisfied with any of the public or private institutions of religion without the presence of your God and Father. Hear the word preached with devout dispositions, and with a view to profit. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks. Watch against all enemies. Abstain from all *appearance* of evil. Frequently contemplate on all the works, perfections, and dispensations of God, the person, offices, example, and the whole mediation of Christ, the operations of the Holy Spirit, and the workings of your own minds, the brevity, frailty, and end of human life, the interesting realities before you, death, judgment, and eternity. Deeply impressed with these important things, perform the duties of your respective stations in the closet, family, church, and the world. Move on regularly in your appointed spheres, and let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and by the lustre of your holy example, be engaged to glorify your Father who is in Heaven. Thus will you resemble, please, and enjoy the Author of your Being, answer the purposes of your election, redemption, and eternal salvation, be divinely happy in your own souls, increasing blessings to your