

they already believed. In making one new religious body or association of persons, whose former views, prejudices, partialities, and antipathies were so discordant, lay the chief difficulty, and constituted the most arduous part of the apostolic labors. The Jew with great reluctance abandoned his prejudices against the Gentile; and the Gentile, with no less difficulty, was reconciled to the Jew. The Jew conceived that it would be an improvement upon the Christian religion to incorporate with it a few of the essentials of Judaism; and the Gentile fancied that some of his former much-loved philosophy would be a great acquisition to a Christian congregation. The infidel, or unbelieving Jews, attacked their brethren who associated with the Apostles—first by arguments, and lastly by political power; and the Gentile philosophers and magistrates alternately ridiculed and persecuted such of their brethren as united with this sect every where spoken against. The Apostles labored to keep the doctrine of the Messiah pure from any mixture with Judaism and Gentile philosophy, and to fortify the minds of the disciples with arguments to maintain their controversy against their opponents, and with patience and resolution to persevere amidst all sufferings and persecutions. Now these few facts, so frequently and fully stated in these writings, go a great way in explaining some entire epistles, and many passages in others.

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### RULES FOR GOVERNING CHILDREN.

“Sow in the morn thy seed,  
At eve hold not thy hand.”

1. Threaten seldom, and be careful *how* you threaten;—never lie. Some parents tell lies: no wonder the children become liars.

2. Never scold your children, nor tell them to do any thing, (no not the merest trifle,) unless you intend them to do it, and do it now.

3. Never give them any thing for their crying. Some parents (very unwise) endeavour to pacify their little ones by promises of sweet meats, &c., sometimes by telling them of witches, ghosts, and hobgoblins, or that bears or the “black man,” will catch them! Abominable! Such impressions are often ruinous, lasting as eternity. Some children have actually been frightened to death!

4. Never allow your children to be wasteful; this evil will follow them to the grave. Bread, pie, cakes, and other fragments of food, partially eaten, are often thrown away! Shameful! Thousands are now perishing for the crumbs that fall from your table. Christ said, when he fed the multitude miraculously, “gather up the fragments that nothing be lost.”

5. Never suffer your children to cry at mere trifles; some acquire this habit very young, and will cry, fret, whine or snivel continually!—their little faces actually become *wrinkled* from crying. Stop this thing, stop it *now*, stop it *forever*. Your own happiness and those around you demand it.

6. Govern the appetites of your children; let their meals be regular, their diet plain and simple; always keeping in view their ages, circum-