

The current of the universe all runs on the side of benevolence. "Abundant in goodness and truth", all God's designs are for the diffusion of bliss on the largest possible scale. Evil there is; but, under the benevolent administration of the Father of mercies, there will be as much good, with as little evil, as almighty power, guided by infinite wisdom, can achieve.

Men may talk about religion, about sound doctrine, about ordinances, about every thing present and future; but without communion with God, habitual devotion of mind, constant aspirations, ejaculations, and soarings to the throne of mercy and favor, man is unfit for heaven, and unworthy of the christian profession.

A vain garb is a certain indication of a vain mind. A christian ought to be a christian in everything. The primitive christians were far from condemning that distinction in apparel which is suited to different ranks and employment. The two things which they avoided were *singularity* and *excess*.

To love the public, to study universal good, and to promote the best possible interests for the whole world as far as lies within our power, is the height of goodness, and makes that temper which we call divine.

The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, and who resists the greatest temptations from within and from without; who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully; who is calm in storms, and most fearless under menaces and frowns; and whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God, is unfaltering.

If there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth, then that kind of preaching which is adapted to convince men of sin and produce repentance, is the preaching which angels approve.

How readily should we forgive those who offend us if we considered how much there is in ourselves that requires to be forgiven.

We ought to ask those who are well how we ought to die; and those who are dying how we ought to live.

Virtue is the soul of the soul, the life of the life, and the crown of all perfections.