

friends, to attend public meetings, &c. When our hearts are well ordered, communion with God will be our first object, and his glory our chief desire ; and we shall easily find time for Family Devotion. A few minutes may be redeemed from the most busy life for this important duty, and there is reason to think, that the regularity which its practice would introduce into the distribution of our time, would enable us to do much more business than before ; and let it ever be remembered, that no blessing can be expected upon that business, however urgent, which shuts God out of the Family.

Some excuse themselves from the practice of worshipping God in their Families, by their inability to pray ; they are ashamed to open their lips before their household in prayer. Do such persons forget the beautiful prayers of the Liturgy, and the many forms of prayer published by pious men ?—Are they ignorant, that such forms have been used by the best Christians in every age ; which they frequently composed for their own use, and that of their friends ? It is the internal state of the mind that is to be regarded, the fervent sincerity with which the petitions are offered up, and with this spirit, the words may be of advantage to prevent any distraction of thought in selecting them. Christians have differed since the reformation, as to set forms ; but there can be no difference in recommending their use, to those who have not the ability of praying aloud without them.

Many other hindrances or objections might be mentioned, but I would rather suggest some further encouragement to this duty, for which I must bespeak a place in a future number, unless some person more able take up the subject, than

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Man in a state of Innocence.

We are anxious to know the history of our family and kindred ; we make a minute enquiry into every circumstance concerning them. The most trifling incidents as-