

those who must give an account. The active and lively christian has always joyed when it was said to him, *go up to the house of God*. A communion season, when provided for you in the providence of God, you will embrace with grateful hearts. For if Christ is precious to your souls, you will love the habitation of his house, and the place where his honor dwells.

Connected with the public worship of God, you will find Bible, and Tract, and Missionary societies, Sabbath Schools, *Bible* Classes, and other institutions of a similar nature, worthy of your attention and support—well fitted to promote the improvement of youth, and to advance the interests of true religion. Bring all your means to bear upon these institutions. You are the stewards, not the proprietors of the bounties of Providence, and are accountable to God for the use you make of the talents he has put into your hands. And what you do, do it with all your might—do it without delay, for there is no work nor device in the grave, whither you are fast hastening. Let there be no delay; for your opportunities of usefulness will soon beat an end. If we are to estimate the regard to religion, and love to the Savior, of many of the professors of religion, by the amount of their contributions and exertions for the support of religious institutions, what a sad account will they have to present! What they thus withhold from the work of God, does not enrich them; and they learn from experience, what they would not learn from the word of God, that there are some who scatter, and yet increase; and others who withhold more than is meet, and it conduct only to penury. Think of the sentence of the *rich and foolish* servant, who was condemned, not because he had wasted his Lord's property, but because he had buried it to no beneficial use. We shall conclude with requesting you to ask yourselves these two questions, What have I *done* in time past for the honor of God, and the interest of religion? And what can I do for the time to come? and on a serious review of the subject, remain idle in the vineyard of Christ, if you can. And now, brethren, may the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.

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