

that we be exemplarily kind and faithful in all domestic duties, in all social relations, better as masters and servants, as parents and children, better as neighbours and members of one common society. If there be not in us a marked improvement in these respects, how is that to be expected which yet is equally needed, greater spirituality of mind, greater devotion to God, greater zeal in his service, greater efforts to advance the Kingdom of Christ and to extend the number of his willing and obedient subjects upon the earth. We are bound to distrust and condemn every kind of religion, no matter how fair in aspect or solemn in feeling, which fails to lead to these results, which does not tend to increase our desire and our ability, and lay us under a constraint, not as of necessity but willingly, to "run the way of God's commandments." For no religion but that which has such efficacy can terminate in a death of peace and a happy entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.