

to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." If the Psalmist could say, "My heart is fixed, my heart is fixed," he could also say, "Thy statutes have been my song in the house of my pilgrimage." "O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day." If the Apostles pursued an unvarying course, it was because they could most boldly affirm, "we have not followed cunningly devised fables, but that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the word of life." There was nothing of uncertainty with them; all was clear as the sun shining in his strength.

2. It is essentially necessary to think deeply and reflect calmly. Knowledge, like food, can only be of service as it is digested; and if this be not the case, instead of its giving strength and animation, it will be but a weight upon its energies. To see things clearly, and to understand them fully, they must be revolved in the mind and viewed under different shades of light; and in order to act steadily and with firmness, we must thus revolve things, and arrive at our conclusions by regular steps of reasoning. The man who jumps at conclusions will not be likely to hold to them for any length of time. The man who has reflected calmly upon a subject, until he is able to grasp and view it in all its bearings and implications, that will be able to act promptly and with decision. The Saviour was fully aware of this, and nothing more clearly illustrates the importance of reflection, than the parable of the tower which he has employed in reference to this subject. "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether he has sufficient to finish it? lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, this man began to build and was not able to finish."

3. Close and intimate fellowship with God will tend to establish principle, and give firmness to purpose. "Evil communications corrupt good manners," is a maxim that has long received the universal consent of mankind. No one can long associate with the wicked without being contaminated with their vices. On the other hand, who associates with the godly, must, in a greater degree,

agree, be influenced. The man has vices, with wise men and fools shall I produce such intercourse with the Father, neither man to behold nor the son yesterday. We will have measure of that, immovable Lord."

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