

what is felt at the time, and experienced from the order, regularity and increasing goodness of the different branches of the Family, and the brightening of their future prospects, but from the instruction it affords to others, by contrasting a praying Family with one that does not. The great difference, were it more attended to, would induce thousands who now neglect Family Worship, carefully to practise it.

In order to insure the advantages, which Family Worship is so well calculated to produce, care should be taken by the Father of the household, or the person employed to conduct it, that it may be pleasant and agreeable, and not dull and tedious; it should be short and perspicuous; there should be nothing offensive in the manner, and the time should, as much as possible, be so chosen as to render it easy for every person to attend.

Great care should be taken to be uniform and consistent; therefore, the devotions of the family ought not to be omitted, because visitors may be in the house.

Above all, example must illustrate the sincerity of the prayers made, or they will lose much of their effect. Many persons, who pretend to be the friends of Religion, consider Family Worship unnecessary, and sometimes disadvantageous; alledging, that it frequently induces the different members to omit praying for themselves, a duty no less incumbent. But such an objection can have little weight, for all who willingly join in social Worship, will not omit private devotion; and those who are unwilling to join in Family Prayer, never think of praying in secret. Some again consider Religion, as sufficiently taught in Church, and therefore, it is not necessary to teach it at home; but neither is this objection valid: little can be done at Church, in comparison of what may be effected at home.—A sound form of words may indeed be given, general principles of belief furnished, but those familiar and engaging illustrations, which can bring home to the imaginations and hearts of children, the precious truths of the Gospel cannot be given, but in the family. It is, therefore, at the fireside, that the Parents can best shew their Children the beauty of Holiness; and engage their affections in favour of that blessed Religion, which our Saviour has taught, and for the completion of which, he suffered.—Driven from this ground, Parents frequently urge press of business, as an hinderance to Family Worship; yet, they find time to eat and sleep, to see company, to comply with the invitations of their