

Truth." Realizing these things, and looking at our present attainments, how much cause have we to cry out, "My leanness, my leanness!" "Oh, that I knew where I might find Him; I would come even to His seat." "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." "My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God." We would also beseech you, beloved brethren, to observe more faithfully that sadly neglected duty—secret prayer—which Christ has enjoined upon us in Matt. vii. 6: "Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret." Our Saviour was an example in this respect.

"The mountains and the midnight air
Witnessed the fervor of His prayer."

When the scene of His sufferings drew near, being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly. From this he came forth clothed with the power that triumphantly sustained Him throughout the awful scenes of Calvary. Pious men of all ages were men of prayer. Daniel retired to his chamber three times a day to commune with God. Can we afford to neglect, during one day, this precious privilege, when we know that our God waits to impart, in answer to prayer, the blessings of pardon and peace, of grace, that shall be sufficient for us, and of strength, that shall be perfect in our weakness. "Ask, and ye shall receive."

"Pray without ceasing." "Watch, and pray that ye enter not into temptation."

Permit us further to remind you, that without a prayerful study of God's inspired Word we shall be deficient in our knowledge of the truth that makes us free, and shall be in danger of holding defective views of Christian doctrine and practice. "The entrance of His Word giveth light." "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

"Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way: by taking heed thereto according to thy word." "Great peace have they that keep thy law." The most

endearing epithets are used to show the sweetness and value of God's Word: "How sweet are thy words unto my taste, yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." The righteous man "delighteth in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night." "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Furthermore, let us not be satisfied with present attainments. Seek a growth in grace. Be not satisfied when sin is pardoned, peace obtained, and religion professed. "Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity." Your path should be that of the just, which is as the shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Let us also cultivate a self-sacrificing spirit, denying ourselves of ungodliness and worldly lusts, strictly guarding against the natural tendency of the heart to mingle with the world in all their sinful amusements and vain frivolities.

The spirit of benevolence should also be tenderly and faithfully cherished by us. If the stream of benevolence is dried up, then is our standard of real piety lowered. The great work of the atonement is a benevolent work; and the Gospel throughout breathes the same spirit. Dear brethren, let the objects embraced in the Union Society be sustained by your prayers and contributions. "The Scripture plan is, upon the first day of the week let every one lay by him in store, as God hath prospered." It is more blessed to give than to receive. Reach out the arms of your sympathy and embrace our beloved institutions at Horton and Fredericton. Love them; pray over them; support them, until they become a part of yourself—members of your own family. Thus your love to God will increase, and your piety be more firmly fixed. It appears that especial attention is demanded on these things at present, when so many conflicting interests and claims are pressed upon our notice, and so many associations are

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