

3. Pray for one another in your social meetings and parties, particularly in private. Eph. vi. 18—"Praying always with all prayer—and supplication for all saints." Tim. ii. 1—"Let supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men."

4. Avoid going from house to house for the purpose of hearing or telling *news, secrets, &c.* or in any way interfering with the affairs of others. Paul speaks of those who are "idle," and "tattlers," "going from house to house." 1 Tim. v. Such persons are always a curse to a religious community. As you value the peace of a church, be determined to discountenance the above practice.

5. Always turn a deaf ear to slanderous reports; believe no charge which may be brought against any person until well substantiated; and reprove those who wish to retail scandal to you! 1 Cor. xiii. 4-7—"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily proved, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

6. If a member have faults, which affect the cause of the Lord, report him privately to the overseers of the congregation; if he has offended you, "*go and tell him his faults between thee and him ALONE*;" and never on any consideration mention his offence to others, until you have done all in your power to effect a reconciliation. "If he will not hear thee, then take with thee *one or two* more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. If he neglect to hear them, tell it unto the Church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." Matt. xviii. Let all this be done with the temper and disposition of a christian, and it will never fail either to reclaim the individual, or benefit the church by his expulsion. See also 1 Cor. v.

7. If you are aware that any are offended with you, whether they have cause or not, wait not for him to come to you, but go to him, and do all in your power to remove the supposed grievance. Matt. v.—"If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and then remember that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave thy gift before the altar, go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, then come and offer thy gift."

Some object to this, and say, "I am not offended; if he is offended let him come to me!" Such persons apply the above scripture to those under the law. Remember, that if this is not applicable to christians, neither is Matt. xviii. for both addresses were to the same persons! Such principles should be, and doubtless are, immutable, under all dispensations.

8. Sincerely request others to mention any thing they see in you contrary to the gospel, and manifest gratitude for any such instance of their love, lest they should do so no more. Ps. cxli. 5—"Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head; for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities."

9. If you have offended any one in word or deed, acknowledge it to