

Keep praying that you may be preserved from saying or doing any imprudent, foolish thing, which may injure your good influence as a Christian.

Confide more and more in the generosity of God. He is wonderfully magnanimous.

God is never unjust to remember and reward the most secret labors of piety and love.

If you labor for God's honor, never fear but that he will take care of yours.

Be careful never to envy or disparage the talents of others. If others do more and better than you, thank God that they have hearts to do so, and never doubt that God will honor you as much as you deserve. As this is a plain matter-of-fact world, never cultivate an effeminate sensibility of fancy. Act like a physician in a hospital, who with a firm, but kind hand, sets about work which must be done, and done without loss of time.

Be willing to wait a little longer for pleasure and honor. Instead of longing after these deliciously-looking fruits, let God, when He gets ready, put them into your hands, unasked.

If you feel a high relish for any animal pleasure, recollect that the pleasure consists entirely in that relish which dies away as soon as it is gratified, and gives place to satiety and disgust.

If you wish to feel your calling and election more sure to-morrow than to-day, live to-morrow more humbly and devoutly.

Prepare for storms, and pray for fair weather.

If you would conquer Satan in the end, resist him in the beginning.

Set your resting place of ease and comfort, a little beyond where it is usually sought, just the other side of the veil.

Be as emulous as you please after preferment, but look for it *high*, very

high, high as heaven. Aspire to be as rich as possible, but lay up all your treasures there.

Breathe out kindness and forgiveness, and prayer, for your enemies. "Do good to them that hate you."

Let every night add to the weight of your good influence, another day of cheerful consistent piety.

Imitate the great God by continually doing good.

Never be discouraged, because God is **ALMIGHTY**.

If you have true happiness in the bud, the bloom will be heaven.

Be pure in heart, and you "SHALL SEE GOD." **H.**

BREVITY IN SOCIAL AND PUBLIC RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

It was Mr. Whitfield, we believe, who said of one of his brethren who was prolix in the conference-room, that he prayed him into a good frame and then prayed him out of it. The feelings the celebrated Methodist preacher experienced were probably not peculiar to himself in their character. Thousands of Christians at the present day can undoubtedly attest to similar ones.

Now, conference and prayer-meetings, as well as our more public meetings, should evidently be conducted in the manner best calculated to diffuse the benign spirit of religion through the community. To this end we consider it important that the addresses and prayers should be short. People may reason as long as they choose in favour of a capricious extension, to be regulated only by the feeling of the individual performing the exercise. But so long as human nature is constituted as it is at present, it will be wearied by being confined to listen to the discourse of those who hold out no hope of speedily making a period to their work.

The Saviour, on the memorable