

to the poor and oppressed, with ready sympathy and open purse. His wealth made no stain upon his record, for we read that while his sons and daughters were visiting and enjoying themselves at each others houses, he was rising early and offering sacrifices to God lest they had sinned or perhaps forgotten God while their souls were filled with the intoxication of pleasure. And in Job 29th, we read thus "When the ear heard me then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me it gave witness to me; because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame, I was a father to the poor and the cause that I knew not I searched out. Noble example of a sincere Christian freely distributing and giving back the time, the silver, and the gold to Him who gave it. Again when Satan was allowed by God to prove him, by depriving him of all his children and possessions yet he could and did retain his integrity and faith in God acknowledging His perfect right in everything and in words of humble submission say "The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord." The Creator has an undoubted proprietorship in the work of His hands. "Shall the clay say to the potter? what doest thou." God has given us wealth or the power to get it and our actions if not our words shew that we consider it as our own, got by our own cleverness, finesse or superior business qualities; poor worms of the dust what powers of mind or body have we that are not a gift from God? Let there be a free and hearty distribution by you of the fulness with which God has blessed you that others may participate in and enjoy the blessings with you. Do not be satisfied with a strict conformance to allowing a tenth, for Christians should abound in good works towards others and sow the seed of love and charity, realizing the highly blessed character delineated in Psalm 112th, 9. "No keeping back no grudging, but scattering abroad wherever there was a worthy object." The character of the upright man as shewn in this passage deserves our earnest consideration. Temporal blessings follow the faithful service of God and are only removed when they endanger or interfere with spiritual growth. Generosity based upon sound judgment and confidence in God's guidance, taking the law of God as the rule of life, form a character which preserves from fear of evil. A truly pious man is liberal and will increase in substance the more he gives. Firm in right principles his heart will be established and not be moved, for God's blessing will rest on him and his. At the very entrance of disciple-