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With God in prayer for his spirits teaching, diligent in searching the Scriptures, and constant in your attendance on the Worship of God.

Our care for you will appear in our desires that you may be fruitful in every good word and work; we know the earth that bringeth not fruit is nigh unto cursing; the fruitless fig tree, when cursed, was soon dried up; and we fear there are too many professors of Christianity; if not in so awful a state, yet are no better than the barren fig tree, for whom the dresser prayed—*let it alone this year also, until I shall dig about it, and dung it, and if it bear fruit well, and if not, after that thou shalt cut it down.* We pray the word of Christ may dwell in you richly, that you may not be barren nor unfruitful; for herein is God glorified that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be Christs disciples.

Our care also is, that you may be greatly increased in number; the Lord has others whom he must bring; Zion shall yet say, the place is too straight for us; he will gather others to her, besides those he has gathered—of the increase of the government and peace of our blessed Lord, there shall be no end. *He must increase*—This you believe but you want to see it accomplished; so do we. Let us then be active in attempting to diffuse the savor of the knowledge of Christ around us; and so to act, that others may be constrained to say, we will go with you for God is with you.

We are likewise concerned, that you may be individually favored with the gifts and graces of God's spirit, and that the great head of the Church may make it clear; there are some amongst you whom he designs for greater usefulness in his vineyard than ever he has honored any of us with. It is not a time for talents to be hid in a napkin, they should be tried by the Churches, and those who are found faithful and capable should be encouraged to come forth to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

In this day, when enthusiasm prevails on one hand, and cold speculation on the other, we want *burning and shining lights*, a combination of these excellencies is necessary from the consideration, that warmth without light soon becomes enthusiasm, and light without warmth mere speculation in religion.

We are careful that each of you, dear Brethren, fill the stations that God has assigned you, both in the Church and the world, so as to bring glory to his name, that you may know how you ought to behave yourselves in the house of God, and act accordingly. That as Husbands, Fathers and Masters, you may walk before God in your houses with perfect hearts, behaving yourselves wisely, and that *God may come unto you.* As Wives, Mothers, &c. you may prove yourselves the daughters of Sarah, *doing well.* As Children you may be obedient to your Parents which is right in the sight of the Lord; and as Domestics, you may shew all good fidelity adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Our care for you leads us to pray you may enjoy much of the life and power of religion in your own souls: sweet fellowship with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ; the earnest of the spirit in your hearts; peace and joy in believing, and fellowship with the Saints; that the life you live in the flesh may be by the faith of the Son of God; that you may walk worthy of your high vocation; shine as lights in the world; find the Grace of God at all times sufficient for you; that his mercy and goodness may follow you all your days, and that you may dwell in the house of God forever.

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