

IF THINE EYE BE SINGLE, THY WHOLE
BODY SHALL BE FULL OF LIGHT.

IF a child has been habitually heedless of its father, and taken no pains to get acquainted with his thoughts and wishes, one can readily foresee that that child, in the presence of a difficulty, would be in no position to understand what would please its father. There are things God leaves in *generalities* for testing of *individual* condition of soul. Suppose, instead of the child thus referred to, the question to be one of a wife in relation to her husband; would not a wife, with the feelings and mind of a wife, be able in all probability, without a moment's hesitancy, to know what her husband would desire, and that even though he had never expressed a will on the subject?

Now you cannot escape this testing, and God, moreover, will not let his children escape it. "If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." As for an easy and comfortable way of knowing God's will, as one might have a receipt for this or that, there is no such thing; of knowing it I mean, without reference to our own state of soul.

Again, we are frequently of vastly too great importance in our own eyes, and deceive ourselves in supposing that there is a "will of God"