

and raise them to God. In confirmation of this remark, the experience of those who have enjoyed the salutary influence of the prayers of sainted fathers and mothers—might be appealed to. You can trace some of your own feelings of piety to what you recollect of their simple and earnest prayers—presented at the seasons of family worship, for you and others. There are evidences in your own piety that God heard and answered their requests. The daily reading of God's word tends to deepen these impressions and build us up in our most holy faith. It is God's appointed means for our growth in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Such daily exercises properly performed, tend to subdue sin in all who come under their sway, to suppress—to stain the pride of man—and to exalt the Lord alone—and thus daily contemplating the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ, we are changed into the same image from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord. But.

2. Family worship tends to increase our knowledge of divine truth.

There are some of God's servants—both ministers and people, who possess an accurate and extensive knowledge of God's word. They appear to be familiar with all its truths. They have laid them up in their memory—and can refer to all the precepts—to all the doctrines and promises of the Scriptures. Such an extensive and accurate knowledge, appears to others very remarkable. They speak of the readiness and retentiveness of such persons memories—they almost envy such endowments and attainments. But while we admire and envy such attainments, we should earnestly enquire at our own conscience whether the same amount of knowledge of God's word might not have been ours, had we as diligently followed the same course, and used the same means, that they have done—had we obeyed as faithfully as they have, the injunction of the Saviour “search the Scriptures.” They have possessed and read the word of God from their youth. The daily return of family worship brought some portion of it under their notice. Their attention was daily engaged by some warning, promise or example—they had thus “line upon line” “and precept upon precept,” their memories must have been very deficient indeed had they not the knowledge of the truth which they now possess. The same privilege the same attainments may be ours should we follow the same course, that they followed. Think what an advantage it must be to possess an accurate and intimate knowledge of God's word. The ignorant can never be either honoured, truly happy, or useful. The man who is ignorant of the knowledge that has respect to things seen and temporal is shut out from a great amount of enjoyment—and his usefulness must be very limited—his highest attainment will be that of a “hewer of wood and a drawer of water” a drudge in the community. But if a man be ignorant of the Scriptures—though his attainments be ever so great in literature and science he is still greatly to be pitied and blamed. Whence can he draw his motives to proper action—to a glorious high, and noble, spiritual life? These motives can be found only in the word of God. Whence can he draw his consolations in the hour of trial and sorrow, since he is ignorant of the Scriptures? But consolations many great and precious are found in God's word. Study God's word daily, if you desire that knowledge which is profitable to direct. Read the Scriptures daily if you wish “to abound in knowledge and in all judgment” “to approve things that are excellent.” It is by daily study of the scriptures—that men are “filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.”

3. Family Worship tends to promote order and obedience among domestics and children.

Order and regularity are of great importance in the business of life, as well as in the duties we owe to God and our own souls. No work can be done properly that is not done orderly. The observance of family worship tends to secure this in those families where it is observed. The hour of worship comes—all are assembled—all other work and duties are left for a time, all duties are