

surely watch his opportunity to make her rebel against it, or to render it reluctantly.

There is a peculiar lot, which this very temptation renders one of sore trial; namely, where God by his word has implanted in the woman's breast a principle of divine life, a new and holy end to be attained in all her ways, while her husband remains uninfluenced by the truths of christianity.

For females so situated, guidance is provided by the word of God. They are not to suffer their hearts to grow alienated; they must not manifest indifference, still less sullenness; the Apostle instructs them how to conduct themselves: "Ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they may *without the word* be won by the conversation (not the talk, but the *deportment*,) of their wives; while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear (of God). Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and wearing of gold, or putting on of apparel; but the hidden man of the *heart*, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price." 1 Pet. iii. 1—4.

According to these inspired directions, the believing wife is not to depend on her powers of *preaching*, for the conversion of her husband. Indeed, great caution and reserve are proper in attempting to enlighten his mind, lest she appear to her husband to set herself up as his teacher; and this would not win, but disgust him; it would be too much like a usurpation of dignity and authority over him, and so a subversion of Christ's ordinance, which, by the subjection of the woman, shadows forth His Church in entire subordination to Him. The blessing to her husband through her means is not promised to her instructions, but to her example *without the word*, to her chaste, and prudent deportment, to her depth of principle manifesting itself in all things, to her invariable fear of God, to her deadness to finery and fashion in dress, to her meek and quiet spirit, which is of great price before God and man. *These* are the powerful arms with which the wife is to strive for her husband's salvation; and while they are calculated to be the most prevailing with him, they are assuredly the most beneficial to herself and all around her.

Our Heavenly Father indicates the only path by which women may win their husbands unto Christ; it is "to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus ii. 1—5.

If it be his divine will to change her husband's heart, that consumption will be far better forwarded by her humble and Christian deportment, than by eloquent reasoning, or even than by endearing entreaties. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee; commit thy way unto Him, and He shall bring it to pass." (Psalm lv. 22; xxxvii. 5.)