

to learn the wisdom of God rather than to confirm our own ; it must be read, not in a spirit of pride and controversy, but of devotion and obedience ; to learn the will of God, in order to obey it, rather than to fortify a system of our own, and thus flatter our own pride, must be the motive that prompts us to its perusal.

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### THE CHRISTIANITY I WANT.

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Commercial men advertize for wares and articles in which to trade and by which to profit. They have their own purpose or purposes to serve in every article they want. Their stock is their medium of wealth. I want, for my part, a large stock of christianity for personal, social, and general use as follows :

1. I want christianity so that I may know Jesus as a Teacher.
2. That I may become acquainted with Jesus as a Friend.
3. That I may realize him as an endeared and endearing Sacrifice.
4. That I may see Jesus as an Example and imitate him as a Model.
5. That I may appreciate him as the only Mediator and Intercessor.
6. That I may regard and claim Jesus as my Captain, Leader, and Prince.

Again, I want large lessons in christianity so that I may—

7. Learn the lives, labours, and character of the purest men of the primitive age.
8. Become familiar in mind, heart, and life with the principles and government of the Lord of heaven and earth.
9. Have an acquaintance with things that perish not, incorruptible and eternal, and at the same time desirable in the first degree.

Then, let it be scrupulously noted, I want christianity in its power to impart to me—

10. Contentment, which, through godliness, is great gain.
11. Control over my passions, appetites, and selfish propensities—so that the spiritual man shall grow large and the fleshy man grow small and weak.
12. The loveliness and temper of heaven, in order that I may not only have a broad and deep interest in the whole living race of Adam, and act the part of a good citizen of the world, but joyfully cherish