

Moderation are indispensably requisite, whatsoever other qualities, as adjuncts or modifications of these, may be included in our principles of action. Now these are all either enjoined by direct precept, or inculcated in some other form, in the moral code of the Sacred Scriptures.

1. INTEGRITY. This fundamental principle,—comprehending in its wide extent fidelity to engagements, punctuality in the discharge of obligations, fairness in dealing, “a just weight and full measure,” accuracy in report, and universal equity in all its modes and ramifications,—is enjoined by the word of God in a great variety of forms, both preceptive and exemplary. To quote them would be an endless task, and unnecessary to those who are acquainted with the morality of the Bible. Perhaps the essence of them all is embodied in this divine aphorism of our Great Teacher, *All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them ; for this is the law.* Were this most admirable rule universally acted upon, it would banish for ever that crooked policy which vitiates the purity of commercial intercourse, and introduces interminable jealousies, suspicions, and discords among men, even in the ordinary transactions of life. By the strict observance of this rule a person would acquire the confidence of the community in which he dwelt, and a character for “integrity and uprightness,” which would contribute materially to his success ; a success, of which the value would be enhanced by the consciousness of having done “the thing that is right.” Of such a man it may be said, with the utmost truth