

in the Lord's vineyard, we must have Christ in our hearts and heaven in our eyes, and the world under our feet. We must take God's spirit for our guide, God's word for our rule, God's glory for our end, his fear for our guard, his people for our companions, his praise for our recreation, and his promises for our cordials. We must make religion our business, prayer our delight, holiness our way, and heaven our home. Then let Christ be always precious to us, the word sweet, sin bitter, the world a wilderness, and death welcome. Let Christ's will be our will, Christ's dishonour, our affliction, his cause our concern, his success our joy, his day our delight, his cross our glory, his sufferings our meditation, his wounds our refuge, his blood our balm, his righteousness our clothing, and his presence our heaven. Then let our hearts burn with love to Christ, let us love to think of Christ, love to hear of Christ, love to read of Christ, love to speak of Christ, love to speak for Christ, love to speak to Christ.

If we would be happy and useful we must seek an increase of faith, love, heart purity and humility. Whoever is rich in grace now, will be rich in glory hereafter; for what is grace but glory begun, and what is glory but grace perfected? Who then would not love grace, seeing it is glory begun, and a certain pledge of complete glory. As the professed children of God, it is our duty to testify against what is dishonouring to him by abstaining from all known sin, by reproving sin in others, by keeping up family religion even in the midst of business, and banishing all known vice from our dwellings, such as minced oaths, rash using of God's name, idle walking or talking on the Lord's day, backbiting, evil wishes, revengeful actions and unnecessary pastimes. If we would be useful in the cause of God let us be zealous for Sabbath holiness, be meek and lowly in our carriage, commend Christ to others, speak for the honour of religion before those who disregard it, show special regard to those who are stamped with God's image, though mean or despised, be ready to forgive wrongs, and render good for evil. If we would be happy and useful we must guard against pride, passion, hasty and unguarded words. We must put great respect on God's word and ordinances, we must be concerned for the enlargement of Christ's kingdom, practice self-denial, and never venture on known sin for the sake of worldly gain. We must endeavor to feel the power of Godliness in our hearts, and to have our practice in all respects corresponding to our profession. We should remember that Israel cannot conquer while Achan is in the camp. If we have not a Missionary spirit we have reason to fear that we are destitute of union to Christ: if any man has not the spirit of Christ he is none of his. Let us all then, my Christian Brethren, with one consent henceforth address ourselves to this great work of doing good, To this let us daily give our thoughts, our hearts, our prayers, and our best efforts. Let this be our distinction as Baptists, that we belong to a Church peculiarly and pre-eminently devoted to doing good.

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