

right is right, and is not made more right by any confession. What is wrong is wrong, and cannot be made right, by our backwardness to abjure it.

All that has been said of pleasure, may be applied to business. The man of trade hesitates to come to the altar, because he does not wish to encumber himself with any religious shackles in his road to wealth. He does not wish to enter into any *new obligations*, which may render his pursuits guilty or improper, and prevent him from following them. In his present situation he feels easy, feels that he is doing what others of good character do, feels that he is bustling along with the throng, and no more obliged to be scrupulous and nicely fastidious than his companions and competitors. If he should openly profess himself to be a disciple of Christ, why then indeed he must take heed and inquire of his conscience more frequently, and guard his purity more carefully than before; but as this might be inconvenient and troublesome, he will postpone the engagement and avoid the risk. Does he avoid the risk? Will his approach to the altar, make those practices dishonorable which used to be upright? Will his absenting himself from the altar make the transaction fair, which, if he went to it, would be a blot on his name? Is virtue of this versatile character?

There is still another class of persons who delay their obedience to the last injunction of Christ, on account of the prevalent ideas about new obligations. It is that class who omit to do right, from the fear of doing wrong; a class among whom we find some of the most valuable members of society, some of the most conscientious and pure-minded servants of God. Desirous as they are