

the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" (Is. lviii., 47, rev. ver.) "Ye observe days, and months, and seasons, and years. I am afraid of you, lest by any means I have bestowed labor upon you in vain." (Gal. iv., 10, 11, rev. ver.) "Be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Rom. xii. 2, rev. ver.) "For freedom, did Christ set us free: stand fast, therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage." (Gal. v. 1, Rev. ver.)

What is our testimony concerning peace?

"Thou shalt not kill." (Ex. xx., 13.) "He shall judge between the nations, and shall reprove many peoples: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." "I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time." (Is. ii., 4, and lx. 22, Rev. ver.) "Is it so, that there cannot be found among you one wise man, who shall be able to decide between his brethren, but brother goeth to law with brother, and that before unbelievers? Nay, it is altogether a defect in you, that ye have lawsuits one with another. Why not rather take wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? Nay, but ye yourselves do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren." (II. Cor. vi., 5-8, rev. ver.) "Render to no man evil for evil;" "but overcome evil with good." (Rom. xii., 17, 21, rev. ver.) "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another." (Eph. iv. 31, 32, rev. ver.)

What is temperance?

"Whether ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of

God." (I. Cor. x., 31.) "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath complaining? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek out mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it goeth down smoothly: at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." (Prov. xxii., 29-32, rev. ver.) "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink." (Hab ii., 15.)

What should be our rule of speech?

"Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile." (Ps. xxxiv., 13.)

What should we bear in mind in regard to dress?

"Let not your adorning be the outward adorning; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible apparel of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price." (I. Peter iii., 3, 4, rev. ver.)

What conclusion may we draw from all the foregoing declarations?

He is not a Friend who is one outwardly, neither is religion a thing of the understanding; but he is a Friend who is one inwardly, and true religion is of the heart, in the spirit and not in the letter, whose praise is not of men but of God. (Compare Rom. ii., 28, 29, rev. ver.) Belief is nothing, and profession is nothing, unless we keep the commandments of God. (Compare I. Cor. vii., 19.)

No man can be provident of his time who is not prudent in the choice of his company.—[Jeremy Taylor.

To secure a contented spirit, measure your desires by your fortunes, and not your fortunes by your desires.—[Jeremy Taylor.

Who shoots at the mid-day sun, though he be sure he shall never hit the mark, yet as sure he is he shall shoot higher than he who aims but at a bush.—[Sir Philip Sidney.