

Before I quit the topic of edification by example, I must remind You of the important duty of attending, in an especial manner, to the Religious improvement of those, with whom you are most intimately and closely connected.

The sanctity of the Clerical character, should communicate itself to the family of the Clergyman. How will it be thought that You are in earnest in the duties you inculcate, if those upon whom it would naturally be your first wish to impress them, appear to be insensible to their influence?—If those of your own household, do not benefit by your precepts, how can it be expected that others should be more fortunate, or happy?—Idleness, frivolity, excessive gaiety, extravagance of fashion, voluntarily indulged in the families, and especially in the nearest relatives, of a Minister of the Gospel, would argue either a great want of piety, or a great want of firmness, in the mind of the Minister himself; and therefore obstruct the success of his Ministry, and the efficacy of his own example. Let me therefore exhort You, as well for *their* sakes, as for sake of *the example*, to be-