

much brief & sweet so many encouraging considerations, that we cannot but earnestly desire that none may in the least degree fall short in attention to it; Let us remember the language of Holy Scripture "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"

To those who love him as we are directed, with all the heart, & all the soul, and all the mind, and all the strength - this will ever be regarded as a delightful engagement. It is to such, that the declaration of the Blessed Redeemer applies (equally true whether in reference to the few or to the many) "where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." In such an assembly that Divine power is known to prevail, which is bread to the hungry, & water to the thirsty soul. We earnestly desire that under a solemn conviction of the necessity & profit of thus promoting ourselves before the Lord, our dear friends every where, may be faithful in the performance of so precious a service, cultivating in themselves that spirit of devotion, which would prompt them to say with the Psalmist "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord."

As you are concerned to cherish these feelings, you will become more & more enlarged, in that love to the brethren which so much becomes our Christian Profession. Let us never forget, that this is the badge of discipleship.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples said our blessed Lord if ye love one another." To do this "perseverently" is alike our duty, and our privilege. It is essential to our own individual happiness, & is so heavenly in all its effects, that we cannot but ardently desire its prevalence & growth among our members. We beseech you therefore, dear friends, that as ye have in a measure abounded in this Grace, increase in it more & more, endeavouring to exemplify in yourselves that Divine Charity which the apostle so beautifully describes, when he says "Charity suffereth long and is kind - Charity thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth - loveth all things - believeth all things - hopeth all things - endureth all things." This charity as it never fails, so it is the fulfilling of the Law. As it is not apt to commit offence itself, so it is tender of receiving a report concerning the offences of others. "It becometh not with the tongue neither death evil to a neighbour, nor labelling up a reproach against a neighbour." It avoids, detaching & detraction with scrupulous fidelity. When a brother or sister is over-taken in a fault those who are governed by it, seek to restore such

an one in the spirit of meekness, considering themselves least they also should be tempted" We beseech you therefore friends that ye cherish among yourselves this Heavenly Grace "Dwell in Love" for be assured that he only who dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

We have been led on the present occasion, into a renewed desire for the support of those peculiar Testimonies which we have always found it our duty to maintain. These Testimonies dear friends are Testimonies of Truth, they have their foundation & obligation in the Law of righteousness. The Gospel teaches us to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather to reprove them. This reproof can only be shown as we uphold by our promulgated precept, that simplicity of attire & language, and behaviour, which we adorned our worthy ancestors, and marked them as self-denying followers of our crucified Lord. Their Moderation was known unto all men. The love of the world, gave place in their hearts to the love of God. We greatly desire dear friends, that herein you may imitate them, remembering both for your encouragement and warning, the declaration of Christ "he that confesseth me before men, him will I also confess before my father and the Holy angels, but he that denieth me before men, him will I also deny before my father and the holy angels." Be content with such things as ye have; seek no more of temporal possessions than you can acquire by using with the approbation of the Lord. "See what is man profit if he shall gain the whole world & lose his own soul? What shall he give in exchange for his soul? Let your light therefore so shine among men that others seeing your good works, may glorify your father which is in heaven." As this is your daily engagement, the influence of your circumstances & work & conversation will have a salutary influence on the minds of the people around you; They will mark the consistency of your conduct with your Christian profession, & will read in your example the inspiring invitation "Come I have fellowship with us for our fellowship is with the Father & with his Son Jesus Christ."

The duty which is enjoined upon us to cultivate in ourselves & families a love for the Holy Scriptures, and diligently to peruse them has enlisted our feelings. We entreat you dear friends to give attention to reading in this way; "As whatsoever was written aforetime was written for our learning that we through patience & comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." We would encourage among you the practice of reading the Sacred Volume in a family capacity; Let nothing hinder you from observing this course. The most suitable times for the discharge of this important duty, I do most fully and the performance. Remember that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God & is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction & for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Ask yourselves what is the natural force of the charge delivered, by the Lord through Moses