

receiving the nurture of the church until, having made full proof of their ministry, it is officially recognized.

One of the greatest needs of our country at the present time is to combine a true spirituality with that good order, and wise, loving and firm administration of discipline which are essential to the well being of any organized church.

While continuing the work of spreading gospel truth and seeking to gather the people to the flock of Christ, it is also incumbent upon us to maintain these great spiritual truths, and the practical expression of them which have been committed to us as a church by our Great Head.

With Satanism invading the churches, we need to bear a living and positive testimony to the non-essential nature of ordinances, and to be able to testify that we know, through great mercy, that we have received the one baptism of the Holy Spirit, and often more than the day partake in our joint souls experience of suffering with the Lord, and he with us, feeding us with the bread of life, and refreshing us with the wine of the Kingdom, and when assembled in his name, partake together by faith in a holy spiritual communion at the table he spreads, in a living remembrance of his body broken and his blood shed for us.

One of the greatest privileges of the family is to assemble daily to read the Holy Scriptures, wait upon the Lord, and pray. George Fox, in his letter to the Gainsborough says: "We do declare that we do esteem it a duty incumbent upon us to pray with and for, to teach, instruct, and admonish those in, and belonging to our families." The Lord Jesus said: Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree upon earth as touching any thing

that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven: for where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

We need amid the worldliness which threatens the professing church of Christ to maintain our testimony to simplicity of deportment and dress, and to faithfulness and sincerity of speech, and know no need of calling down divine judgment on our souls by an oath to bind us to perfect morality.

While corruption and dishonesty so pervade society, it is of absolute importance that we continue that uprightness of heart before God, and in unswerving integrity of conduct in all our relations of life which has been a characteristic of so many of our forefathers in the Faith.

Realizing the many snare laid for the young, we deem that parents should maintain a loving familiar intercourse with them, and render home so attractive that they will not seek false pleasures elsewhere. To them must we look for a succession in the church, and it should be our earnest effort to secure their co-operation in the work of the church by inculcating some duty to them, and by conversation with them on subjects of interest. Many parents may deeply feel their own insufficiency, but he who gives the responsibility will also grant grace and wisdom sufficient for the need.

In conclusion, may the spirit of humble and fervent supplication be felt, that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit, be willingly led by him in service, and given power in the performance of our religious duties. While seeking thus to be brought under the power of the Spirit, in order to do the divine will, we should also act what we ought to be. We should be willing to be searched and emptied of self of anything which would be a hindrance to the Holy Spirit taking possession of our