

punctual attendance of all our meetings for worship and discipline. The help to ourselves and the advantage to children, of early forming the habit of always attending meetings; allowing no care or occupation to keep us away, looking upon this, not as a formal duty - but as a time of refreshment of soul, of especial drawing "nigh unto God" and realizing that He does indeed draw nigh unto us - new considerations freshly presented to us. Many Friends express thankfulness that they had been early trained to the regular attendance of Meetings.

What at first might appear as an irksome duty, came to be esteemed as a high privilege. As the desire of our hearts and minds is earnestly turned towards the Lord, we shall surely realize the truth of His blessed assurance, that He is in the midst of those who are gathered together in His name.

We shall be prepared to enjoy our meetings in proportion as we are diligent in daily waiting upon God, in prayer,

and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, individually and in the family. In seeking to consecrate ourselves entirely to the Lord, we shall find that there is no part or occupation of our lives that we can safely leave outside of His direction.

"Abide in me and I in you" were the words of our blessed Savior; and as we are favored thus to abide - we shall be enabled truly to manifest to all around us, the "love becoming our Christian profession", not merely the outward kindness of look and manner, but a heartfelt interest in all that concerns their spiritual welfare, desiring to share with them, in the blessings and teachings of the Holy Spirit and encouraging them with ourselves, to press towards a fuller realization of the love of God in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We were reminded that much is involved in the maintenance of our testimony for a free Gospel Ministry.

In Meetings where no vocal Ministry