

the disciples of Christ are under to attend principally to his business, as he is pleased to open it to us : and to be particularly careful to have our minds redeemed from the love of wealth ; to have our outward affairs in as little room as may be ; that no temporal concerns may entangle our affections, or hinder us from diligently following the dictates of truth, in labouring to promote the pure spirit of meekness and heavenly-mindedness amongst the children of men, in these days of calamity and distress ; wherein God is visiting our land with his just judgments.

Each of these quarterly-meetings were large, and sat near eight hours. Here I had occasion to consider, that it is a weighty thing to speak much in large meetings for business : first, except our minds are rightly prepared, and we clearly understand the case we speak to, instead of forwarding, we hinder business, and make more labour for those on whom the burthen of the work is laid.

If selfish views, or a partial spirit, have any room in our minds, we are unfit for the Lord's work ; if we have a clear prospect of the business, and proper weight on our minds to speak, it behoves us to avoid useless apologies and repetitions : where people are gathered from far, and adjourning a meeting of business is attended with great difficulty, it behoves all to be cautious how they detain a meeting ; especially when they have sat six or seven hours, and have a great dif-

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