

In being crucified to the world, broken off from that friendship which is enmity with God, and dead to the customs and fashions which have not their foundation in the truth; the way is prepared to lowliness in outward living, and to a disentanglement from those snares which attend the love of money; and where the faithful friends of Christ are so situated that merchandize appears to be their duty, they feel a restraint from proceeding farther than he owns their proceeding; being convinced that "we are not our own but are "bought with a price, that none of us may "live to ourselves, but to him who died for "us." 2 Corin. v. 15. Thus they are taught, not only to keep to a moderate advance and uprightness in their dealings; but to consider the tendency of their proceeding; to do nothing which they know would operate against the cause of universal righteousness; and to keep continually in view the spreading of the peaceable kingdom of Christ amongst mankind.

The prophet Isaiah spake of the gathered church, in the similitude of a city, where many being employed were all preserved in purity; "They shall call them the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord, and thou shalt be called sought out, a city not forsaken." lxiii. 10. And the apostle after mentioning the mystery of Christ's sufferings exhorts, "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation." 1 Pet. i. 15. There is a conversation necessary in trade; and there is a conversation