

In this the endowments of men are so employed, that the friend and the governor are united in one, and oppressive customs come to an end.

Riches in the hands of individuals in society, is attended with some degree of power; and so far as power is put forth separate from pure love, so far the government of the Prince of Peace is interrupted; and as we know not that our children after us will dwell in that state in which power is rightly applied, to lay up riches for them appears to be against the nature of his government.

The earth, through the labour of men under the blessing of him who formed it, yieldeth a supply for the inhabitants from generation to generation, and they who walk in the pure light, their minds are prepared to taste and relish not only those blessings which are spiritual, but also feel a sweetness and satisfaction in a right use of the good gifts of God in the visible creation.

Here we see that man's happiness stands not in great possessions, but in a heart devoted to follow Christ, in that use of things, where customs contrary to universal love have no power over us.

In this state our hearts are prepared to trust in God, and our desires for our children and posterity are, that they, with the rest of mankind, in ages to come, may be of that number, of whom he hath said, "I will be a father to them, and they shall be my sons and daughters," 2 Cor. vi. 18.