

end aimed at is good, and in this confidence pursue it so eagerly, as not to wait for the spirit of truth to lead them, then they come to loss. "Christ is given to be a leader and commander of the people," *Isaiah* lv. 4. Again; "The Lord shall guide thee continually," *Isaiah* lviii. 12. Again; "Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us, for thou also hast wrought all our works in us." *Isaiah* xxvi. 12.

"In the Lord have we righteousness and strength," *Isaiah* xlv. 24.

In this state our minds are preserved watchful in following the leadings of his spirit in all our proceedings in this world, and a care is felt for a reformation in general; that our own posterity, with the rest of mankind in succeeding ages, may not be entangled by oppressive customs, transmitted to them through our hands: but if people in the narrowness of natural love, are afraid that their children will be oppressed by the rich, and through an eager desire to get treasures, depart from the pure leadings of truth in one case, though it may seem to be a small matter, yet the mind even in that small matter may be emboldened to continue in a way of proceeding, without waiting for the divine Leader.

Thus people may grow expert in business, wise in the wisdom of this world, retain a fair reputation amongst men, and yet being strangers to the voice of Christ, the safe leader of his flock, the treasures thus gotten, may