

“Such tradesmen who stand as witnesses in the power of God, cannot fulfil the people’s minds in these vanities, and therefore they are offended at them.”

“Let all trust in the Lord, and wait patiently on him; for when truth first broke forth in London, many tradesmen could not take so much money in their shops for some time, as would buy them bread and water, because they withstood the world’s ways, fashions, and customs; yet by their patient waiting on the Lord in their good life and conversation, they answered the truth in people’s hearts, and thus their business increased.” Book of Doctrinals, p. 824.

Now Christ our holy leader graciously continueth to open the understandings of his people, and as circumstances alter from age to age, some who are deeply baptized into a feeling of the state of things, are led by his holy spirit into exercises in some respect different from those which attended the faithful in foregoing ages, and through the constrainings of pure love, are engaged to open the feelings they have to others.

In faithfully following Christ, the heart is weaned from the desire of riches, and we are led into a life so plain and simple, that a little doth suffice, and thus the way openeth to deny ourselves, under all the tempting allurements of that gain, which we know is the gain of unrighteousness.

The apostle speaking on this subject, asketh,