

worship, which comprehends a holy life, and ministers instruction to others.

My mind is often drawn towards children in the truth, who having a small share of the things of this life, and coming to have families may be inwardly exercised before the Lord to support them in a way agreeable to the purity of truth, in which they may feel his blessing upon them in their labours; the thoughts of such being entangled with customs (contrary to pure wisdom) conveyed to them through our hands, doth often very tenderly and movingly affect my heart, and when I look towards and think on the succeeding generation, fervent desires are raised in me, that we by yielding to that Holy Spirit which leads into all truth, may not do the work of the Lord deceitfully, may not live contrary to the purity of the divine principle we profess; but that as faithful labourers in our age, we may be instrumental in removing stumbling blocks out of the way of those who may succeed us.

So great was the love of Christ, that he gave himself for the church, "that he might sanctify and cleanse it, that it should be holy, and without blemish, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing," Eph. v. 25. and where any take the name of Christ upon them, professing to be members of his church, and led by his Holy Spirit, and yet manifestly deviate from the purity of truth, they herein act against the gracious design of his giving himself for them, and  
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