

you may. (2 Cor. x. 12). You are to ask yourself, How would Christ act in my place? and strive to follow Him. (John x. 27).

- VI. Never believe what you feel, if it contradicts God's Word. Ask yourself, Can what I feel be true, if God's Word is true? and if both cannot be true, believe God, and make your own heart the liar. (Rom. iii. 4; 1 John v. 10, 11).

~BROWNLOW NORTH

Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee. Proverbs 25:1k7

No code of laws enters, as the Bible does, into minute regulations for the courtesies of life. Daily life is evangelized by the pervading influence of its wholesome principles. This rule illustrates one of our own proverbs, which has lost nothing of its significance by traditionary usage. 'Familiarity breeds contempt.' This rule was however never intended to give a chill to the flow of neighborly love, or to restrain its practical exercise. " Make thy foot precious " to thy neighbor, by not giving it too often. It is far safer to err on the side of reserve, than to incur contempt by the opposite mistake. Nay — even the closer band of friendship requires its measure of prudent restraint.

Blessed be God! There is no need of this caution and reserve in our approach unto him. Once acquainted with the way of access, there is no wall of separation. Our earthly friend may be pressed too far. Kindness may be worn out by frequent use. But never can we come to our heavenly Friend unseasonably. Never is he weary of our importunity. His gates are always open; "blessed are they that are watching and waiting there." (Proverbs 8:34.) The more frequent the visits, the more welcome, and the more fruitful. What with man would be intrusion, with God is confidence. Earnestly does he invite to his closest and most endearing fellowship. (Song of Song of Solomon 5:1.) And does his child presume upon this most gracious privilege? Far from it. While he has the "boldness of access;" he seeks for "grace, whereby he may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." (Hebrews 12:28.)

~Charles Bridges

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By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Hebrews 13:15

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