

ADVICES ON THE PROMOTION OF QUAKER BOOKS

The Bible (KJV)

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. **Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel,** but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Matthew 5: 14-15

Wherefore seeing **we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses,** let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is before us. Hebrews 12:1

LET YOUR LIVES PREACH – George Fox, 1661

The line of righteousness and justice stretched forth over all merchants, &c. And an exhortation unto all Friends and people whatsoever, who are merchants, tradesmen, husbandmen, or seamen, who deal in merchandise, trade in buying and selling by sea or land, or deal in husbandry, that ye all do that which is just, equal, and righteous in the sight of God and man, one to another, and to all men. And that ye use just weights and just measures, and speak and do that which is true, just, and right in all things. **That so your conversations, lives, practices, and tongues may preach to all people, and answer the good, just, and righteous principle of God in them all.** In which ye may be serviceable unto God, and to the creation in your generation, and a blessing both to God and man.

.... So be careful to do good in all things to all people whatsoever. In the fear of God serve him, and be diligent, and not stubborn in any thing, but pliable in the power of God, that keeps you over all the powers of unrighteousness; acting so in that, that ye may be a good savour in all nations, islands, and places where ye come, in the hearts of all people, doing truly, and plainly, uprightly, faithfully, justly, and honestly, according to the light of Christ Jesus in every man; that ye may witness to all. **Then will your words, lives, and conversations preach and manifest, that ye serve God in the new life; and that ye have put off the old man and his deeds, which are unrighteous; and that ye have put on the new man, which is renewed after God in righteousness and holiness, according to his image.**

Loathe deceit and all unrighteousness, hard-heartedness, wronging, cozening, cheating, or unjust dealing; but live and reign in the righteous life and power of God, and wisdom, (that presseth all the other down,) and to answer the good and just principle in all people; and that will win people to deal with you, 'doing truth to all, without respect to persons to high or low whatsoever, young or old, rich or poor. **And so here your lives and words will preach wherever ye come.**

- George Fox, *The Line of Righteousness and Justice Stretched Forth Over All Merchants, &c.* [Epistle 200], 1661. In George Fox *The Works of George Fox* (1831), Vol. 7, pp. 191-198.

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