

Fields . . Moors . . Mountains

by George Fox

George Fox advises Friends to let the Wisdom of God guide them in their meetings and to preserve the life in the truth by avoiding the wills of the world.

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Ephesians 6:10, James 4:7, 1 Peter 4:10

Topics: "Guided Ministry", "Spiritual Discipline"

Description

George Fox emphasizes the importance of allowing the Wisdom of God to guide Friends in appointing Meetings in open places, cautioning against letting personal wills interfere and lead to suffering by the world. He advises that at such Meetings, there should be individuals present to prevent the Truth from being compromised. Additionally, he encourages Friends to keep together in their own Meeting Place when ministering to the world, allowing a select few to go and address unbroken places to combat worldly influences. This guidance is seen as the Counsel of the Lord for true service to Him.

Transcript

(A Word from the Lord to Friends)

ALL Friends that are grown up in the Life and Power of the Truth, see that when ye appoint your Meetings in any open Place, in the Fields, on the Moors, or on the Mountains, that none appoint Meetings in your own Wills; for that lets in the Wills of the World upon the Life of Friends, and so ye come to suffer by the World. But at such Meetings let the Wisdom of God guide you, that some may be there to prevent the Truth from suffering by the World; that all Burdens may be kept off, and taken away: So will ye grow pure and strong.

And when there are any Meetings in unbroken Places, ye that go to Minister to the World, take not the whole Meeting of Friends with you thither, to suffer with and by the World's Spirit; but let Friends keep together and wait in their own Meeting Place. So will the Life (in the Truth) be preserved, and grow. And let Three, or Four, or Six, that are grown up, and are strong (in the Truth) go to such unbroken Places and thresh the Heathenish Nature: and there is true Service for the Lord: And to you all this is the Counsel of the Lord! The Grace of God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with your Spirits. Amen.

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