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II. Honorable living is rooted
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III. Honorable living results
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God deals very liberally and kindly with his people that answer his call. . . . Their present possessions are more valuable than crowns and scepters in this world; but what they have a title to [in the next world] is what eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man to conceive."

Thomas Boston

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IV. Honorable living reflects
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