

Luke 9. 61.

Consider the resolution,
& some of its principal
defects.

1 He wished to follow C.
but there was something
of more urgent necessity
that must first be attend-
ed to — Thus the sick &c.
Heb. 3. 9.

2 The person who formed
the resol. &c evidently
did it in his own strength
Here is no refer. to divine
assistance, no dependth on
the Lord, no seek. for grace &c.

friends, he would expose himself to great temptations, & be in danger of breaking the resolution already formed.

Application

(1) This subject may serve as a warn. to those who trife with the balls of the gospel. Here a look back, a lingering after the world &c. Verse 62.

(2) Nothing but a decided attachment to Christ, & a determination to sacrifice all for his sake, can constitute us his disciples. &c

(3) Let us beware of the ensnaring influ. of worldly connexions: for these, rather than grosser evils, are the ordinary impediments to our Salvation. Matt 16. 26.

3 The resol. when form-
ed, seemed to depend on
the consent of his friends;
for tho' he speaks only of
tak. his leave of them, he prob-
ably wished to know whether
they approved of the step.
Had he been infla. by proper
motives, &c. John 1. 40-45.
John 4. 28-30. Luke 8. 39.
No seek. first the Kingd; &c
Matt. 10. 37.

4 Instead of fol. the S. cheer-
fully, he seemed dejected
&c at the thought, I must go
&c Eccles 9. 7.

5 By going home to his