

# I Want a Principle Within

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- 1. I want a principle within  
of watchful, godly fear,  
a sensibility of sin,  
a pain to feel it near.**

**I want the first  
approach to feel  
of pride or wrong desire,  
to catch the wandering  
of my will,  
and quench the kindling fire.**

**2. From thee that I  
no more may stray,  
no more thy goodness grieve,  
grant me the filial awe,  
I pray, the tender  
conscience give.**

**Quick as the apple  
of an eye,  
O God, my conscience make;  
awake my soul  
when sin is nigh,  
and keep it still awake.**

**3. Almighty God  
of truth and love,  
to me thy power impart;  
the mountain from  
my soul remove,  
the hardness from my heart.**

**O may the least omission pain  
my reawakened soul,  
and drive me to  
that blood again,  
which makes the  
wounded whole.**