

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.**