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(Brooks, "The Golden Key to Open Hidden Treasures")

Friends, these things must have first place in your thoughts:

1. Your sins—to humble you and abase you before God.
2. God's free and rich and sovereign grace—to soften and melt you down into submission to His holy will.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ—to assist, help, strengthen, and influence you in all your duties and services.
4. The blessed Scriptures—to guide you and lead you, "and to be a lamp unto your feet, and a light unto your paths."
5. The afflictions of the godly—to draw out your charity, mercy, pity, sympathy and compassion to men in misery.
6. The glory and happiness of the eternal world—to arm you and steel you against all your sins, snares and temptations.