I Want a Principle Within

"Keep my teaching as the apple of your eye." (Prov. 7:2)

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1. I want a principle within Of watchful godly fear,
2. From Thee that I no more may stray, No more Thy goodness grieve,
3. Almighty God of truth and love, To me Thy power impart;

A sensibility of sin, A pain to feel it near.
Grant me the filial awe, I pray, The tender conscience give;
The burden from my soul remove, The hardness from my heart.

Help me the first approach to feel Of pride or wrong desire;
Quick as the apple of an eye, O God, my conscience make!
O may the least omission pain My reawakened soul,

To catch the wandering of my will, And quench the kindling fire.
Awake my soul when sin is nigh, And keep it still awake.
And drive me to that grace again, Which makes the wounded whole.