

*"Ye shall diligently keep the Commandments of the LORD your God, and His Testimonies, And His Statutes, Which He Hath Commanded thee. And thou shalt do That Which Is Right And Good In The Sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest **Go In And Possess The Good Land** which the LORD Sware unto thy fathers," Deuteronomy 6:17-18 KJV*



When did you last sit in a porch swing? The cell phone and laptop have replaced the front porch! Technology has isolated us into cocoons of anonymity. We don't even talk to God anymore – He's not in our contact list! "Say what you mean and mean what you say" is a severely abused axiom. There are three parameters of good speech: 1) Is it true? 2) Is it kind? 3) Is it necessary? We cite God's Omniscience for our lack of prayer: "God knows my heart!" Yes, but He also Knows And Abhors your neglect! Dear Believer, when did you last hear God's Voice of Truth in your thoughts and soul? Are your prayers unceasing? Are you on the outside of spirituality looking in? Is your Bible reading a dry and barren landscape? Two simple directives will restore our faith, so we might "go in and possess the good land." First: "Diligently keep the Commandments of the LORD." Diligence is continued determined effort, not "Do it when it's not too hard." Its lack is the reason many personal resolutions fail. We habitually gratify lust! We can't say "no" to our bodies. Our motto is "I want; therefore I will get." Truth is immediately denied with defensive retorts! "What's wrong with it?" or "I just can't do it." We indulge appetite without a thought, just because we can! "Ye cannot serve God and mammon?" Your diligence is directly proportional to your relationship with God and His Provision. Disobedience leads to wandering death! Secondly: "Do that which is right and good in the Sight of the LORD." Do only what God specifically ordains in His Word. "Study to show thyself approved unto God!" You may actually have to turn off the TV and read your Bible! Can't read well? There are free audio KJV Bibles available online. (One is on my website.) Many things that seem harmless are slow poison to our souls. We may be careful about what we watch on TV, but little do we realize that it is the watching, itself, that is harming us! It deprives us of the meditation of Truth our soul so desperately needs. "Thou shalt meditate Therein, day and night!" You've heard it said, "Don't be so heavenly minded you're no earthly good!" I say, "If you're NOT heavenly minded, you'll be no earthly good!" Front porches all but disappeared when TV became popular. No more rocking chairs and porch swings to accommodate quiet reflection or family conversation. A cool evening breeze is hardly ever enjoyed these days. God's Word literally determines our life and death. Lust binds: Truth frees!

To truly walk with Christ our Lord,  
We must obey His matchless Word,  
Our diligence erects a shield,  
For Tempter's darts that make us yield. –CGP

Seriously evaluate your daily course in the Light of the sextant of Truth. If course corrections are never made, we drift further and further off course, until we become utterly lost! Where God Commands, He Personally Equips And Leads. God Told Joshua before he began his role as Moses' replacement:

*"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate Therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all That Is Written Therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have Good Success. Have Not I Commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God Is With thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:8-9 KJV*