

“Observe and hear all these Words which I Command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest That Which Is Good And Right in the sight of the LORD thy God.” Deuteronomy 12:28 KJV



Our text says, “good AND right!” It’s not good if it’s not right. “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing (understanding) the Word of Truth.” It may be good to give an alcoholic money if homeless, but not right! “To him that knoweth to do good (obey) and doeth it not, to him it is sin!” Right is only that which dovetails completely with God’s Word, which says, “We are ALL as an unclean thing, and ALL our righteousnesses (good deeds) are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” Even our GOOD DEEDS are abominable to God, if they originate within ourselves apart from obedience to God’s Word. Yes, even charity, if not done out of strict obedience to God’s Word, is not acceptable to God! “For we are His Workmanship, created in Christ Jesus UNTO (not BECAUSE OF) good works. Not by works of righteousness which we have done.” Obedience of God’s Word, even when contrary to our desires, is the evidence of Faith and Faith is the evidence of the invisible God! Believing AND obeying two different things. I sincerely believed Dad would spank me if I disobeyed him, but that never stopped me from doing wrong (or getting spanked)! God’s Word says, “Even so faith, if it hath not works (obedience), is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, ‘Thou hast faith, and I have works:’ Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe (but do not obey), and tremble.” True believers obey God, not self! That extra helping or oversleeping has consequences. Knowing and doing are two different things! We can KNOW danger and avoid it by doing right. You don’t have to fall off a cliff to know gravity can be dangerous!

We must always do good AND right,
Obey God’s Word and walk in Light,
In darkness reigns, but sin and death,
Our Life depends on God’s own Breath. ~CGP

Your children will reap the consequences of your obedience; “and with thy children after thee.” No man is an island. Our faith and sins have ripple effects, even to our grandchildren! We are to reflect God’s Light to others by our words AND deeds! Too many ripples destroy the pond’s reflection! Do you reflect God’s Light to your children?

“Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works (obedience), and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.” Matthew 5:15-16 KJV