

“And Joshua said unto the Children of Israel, How Long Are Ye Slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers Hath Given you?” Joshua 18:3 KJV



Believers who flinch from mortifying (killing) *“the deeds of the body”* are underachieving saints. Oh, they may be putting forth a lot of human effort, but they miserably fail, because they are not doing it God’s Way. Jesus said, *“Without Me, Ye can do nothing!”* Paul put it another way; *“I can do all things THROUGH Christ Which Strengtheneth me.”* Jesus Is The Word, (Jn. 1:1&14) and The Word Is Truth. (Jn. 17:17) Jesus Is The Truth. (Jn. 14:6) A believer’s ability to conquer sin lies in the Power of God’s Word/Truth/Christ. It/He must *“Indwell”* you. That is: *“Let (choice) This Mind (God’s Word) be in you, Which Was Also in Christ Jesus: Let the Word of Christ Dwell in you richly in all Wisdom; if the Spirit of Him (Holy Spirit) That Raised Up Jesus From The Dead Dwell in you, He That Raised Up Christ From The Dead Shall Also Quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit That Dwelleth in you. When He, the Spirit of Truth, Is Come, He Will Guide you into all Truth: He Shall Glorify Me (Jesus/God’s Word Made Flesh): It Is The Spirit That Beareth Witness, because the Spirit Is Truth. (Jesus)”* Here we find that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are the same. John reiterates Said Truth thusly; *“There Are Three That Bear Record In Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and THESE THREE ARE ONE!”* The singular plurality of God can be best understood by His Image, man. *“In the Image of God Created He...them.”* Man is soul, spirit, and body. Your soul decides where to go, your spirit is either in agreement with God about it or not, and your body drives the car. While your body drives the car, your soul is already where you’re going, while your spirit hums along with the radio. Ever been in a conversation where time passed you by or was irrelevant? Soul/Body/Spirit – Three yet one. If Truth is not read and studied, It cannot be meditated upon, nor will It *“be in you,”* or the guiding constraint of your soul. You’ll have NOT the *“Spirit of Truth.”* Those who Are Christ’s *“know [His]Voice (of Truth) and they follow [Him] (God’s Word).”* Unpunished disobedience indicates the absence of God and thereby, the absence of New Spiritual Birth. *“Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.”* A true Child of God cannot continue in sin unchastened by God. *“For whom the Lord Loveth He Chasteneth, And Scourgeth every son whom He Receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God Dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.”* Serious language! God Desires obedience, but He doesn’t chasten us for His Pleasure. He Does it for our Correction And Protection. *“No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward It Yieldeth The Peaceable Fruit Of Righteousness unto them which Are Exercised Thereby.”* Would you let your child poke scissors in an outlet, uncorrected after your warning? Neither will God.

Laziness will temper ill,
For those who eat its bitter pill,
A conqueror wastes little time,
On anything but The Divine! –CGP

If you are not chastened by God for disobedience to His Word, you’re not part of His Family. The Secret to Victory over sin, death, and possessing *“Life More Abundant”* Is The Power of indwelling Truth, God’s Word, in your soul!

“Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 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.” Joshua 1:7-8 KJV