

***"But He Forsook The Counsel** which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him." 2 Chronicles 10:8 KJV*

Men often seek advice from their peers. The pitfall of peer advice is; they have more or less the same life experience as you and therefore, the same fallibilities. Youth counsels youth to forsake parent's counsel; their priorities being only that of self-gratification. They seek counsel that pleases them. Youth are not alone in this folly. Most seek counsel from those who agree with them rather than those who may actually have experience on the



subject and can give good advice. Parents seek the success and well-being of their children knowing the pitfalls of bad decisions having experienced them firsthand, but how often are children neglectful of parental advice? How often do men seek one another's counsel before seeking the Lord's? God is not only "the Ancient of Days," but He is the "Creator of all things." Who would know a book's meaning better than its author? God Instructed Adam, "Thou shalt not eat." Adam forsook God's Counsel when he heeded another's and damned us all! While it is true, "in the multitude of counsellors there is safety;" there is little safety in the multitude's counsel! "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose FAITH follow, considering the end of their conversation." Just because one quotes Scripture doesn't make them wise. Measure how they live and act against God's Word. God Wants Only Good For His Own. His Commandments Are His Blessings if obeyed; curses if not. God Sorrows over wayward Children. Jesus Said, "How often Would I Have Gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" I believe this is why "Jesus Wept." God Sees the end and beginning as one. We may not be able to see our future, but God Can and "no good thing Will He Withhold from them that walk uprightly." Men see God's Commandments as fences; keeping them in. In reality, they are shields keeping enemies out. Men readily follow a road map to unknown destinations, but totally ignore the Map of God's Absolute Counsel of Life and then bemoan their troubles! Have you forsaken God's Counsel?

Thy Word have I hid in my heart,
From Thy counsel never to part,
Thy Law doth keep me from all harm,
And in Thy arms there's no alarm. –CGP

Like the old hymn says, "I don't know about tomorrow; I don't try to understand, but I know Who Holds the future, and I know Who Holds my hand!" God's Word Is An Absolute That Will Never Fail you; Forsake It not. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He Shall Direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He Shall Give Thee The Desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He Shall Bring it to pass." It all boils down to this: Whom do you really trust? If they were giving away money, you'd be first in line! "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, That Giveth to all men Liberally, And Upbraideth Not; And It Shall Be Given him." God's Wisdom Is Infinite And Liberally Given to those who seek it.

"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