

*"My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." *Proverbs 3:11-13 KJV**

Some things in life are known by all to be absolutes. For example: The sun will rise in the east and set in the west. It is never doubted or questioned. Water is wet. Ice is cold. Fire is hot. The desert is dry. We speak and act many times based on absolutes. Other times, on experience, which is not necessarily infallible. I may not like you, because I just happened to meet you at a very bad time in your life. It doesn't mean you're bad, only my impression or experience of you is. Wouldn't it be wonderful to know how to speak and act without error or flaw; every time; in every instance?



It's as simple as obeying God's Word! *"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* Many times the flaw in our judgment is pain, rejection, or unpleasantness. *"The fear of man layeth a snare."* We will do what we know is wrong to avoid reprisal from those we esteem. Many are your friends for what you can give or do for them. A true friend esteems God first. Why do children lie and hide when they've done wrong? They fear disapproval and reprisal. God should hold our highest esteem and we should dread His disapproval. *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."* If we fear man's rejection more than God's, He must correct us. He wants us to be right every time and be confident in what we do. We stop our children from proceeding into danger with rules and commands, because we love them. God is no different except that His commands are perfect and His knowledge absolute. We will truly be happy if we just learn to listen to and follow His Word. *"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek Thy Precepts. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Thy Statutes. I know, O LORD, that Thy Judgments are right, and that Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Great peace have they which love Thy Law: and nothing shall offend them"* Being absolutely right all the time is the pinnacle of human achievement; the essence of happiness. There is only one path to true happiness, God's Word. *"ALL Thy Commandments are Truth. Thy Word is true from the beginning: and every one of Thy Righteous Judgments endureth forever. Forever, O LORD, Thy Word is settled in heaven."* God's Word is absolutely forever right!

True happiness is doing right,
With deeds that gleam in any light,
With words and thought beyond compare,
Because, to follow Christ, they dare. ~CGP

How important is God's Word to joy and peace? Without it there is no joy and peace. If you dare dismiss men's approval for God's favor, you will have joy unspeakable and peace that passeth ALL understanding! *"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:7-9 KJV