

"For The Leaders Of This People Cause Them To Err; and they that are led of them are destroyed." Isaiah 9:16 KJV

Unbelievers operate in life without the benefit of the indwelling Holy Spirit of the Living God who will "Guide [them] into all Truth." However, if believers do not read and meditate upon the Truth of the Written Word of God, even they will not know His Voice when He Speaks to Direct their steps. If you walk in the dark with a flashlight, but never turn it on, you are no better than the blind. Leaders who lead without benefit of Godly wisdom are blind to any and all pitfalls that wait to trap them and their followers. The old saying, "Birds of a feather flock together," reminds us that we often reveal our heart by who we follow and who our friends are. Fools seek the company of fools! You will seek comfortable relationships. A real friend is one who constantly reminds you of what God expects of you, not what man expects of you. If you seek men's - your friend's - approval, you are headed for a pitfall. "The fear of man layeth a snare." When leaders are more concerned about their own well-being and wealth than doing what's right, they and their followers slide into pleasure-seeking and abomination before God! If you find yourself more concerned with how you feel than doing right, you are on the road to ruin. When we fall we take others with us. "No man is an island!" Everything we do has ripples in time and relationships and we never fall alone! We drag all who follow us down with us. You know yourself, that you look up to certain people whether they know it or not, and if they err, you are affected. The same applies to all of us from the least to the greatest! If God is your leader and you follow Him no matter what, He will pick you up when you fall! It is the meditation of Truth that picks up the fallen. "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. Then Said Jesus unto His Disciples, 'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My Sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?' The approval of fools is the contempt of God. We fall when we entangle ourselves in unrighteous relationships that snare our soul and drag us down. The question is, "Whom do you follow and with whom are you entangled that will drag you down?" Follow the Truth, first and foremost if you would avoid the pain and sorrow of eternal loss! Your children watch what you do more than hear what you say.



Acceptance sought from men and fools,
Doth make them over us have rule,
To be set free from pain and loss,
We must stay fixed upon the Cross! –CGP

Even our work relationships will affect how we think and act. All snares are baited with harmless substance. It's not the worm that harms the fish! The attraction may not be wrong, but its environment is perilous! It is imperative that to avoid snares we keep ourselves mindful of Truth at all times through constant communication with God and meditation upon His Word so the Holy Spirit can bring Truth to mind as a warning when needed.

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 KJV