

*"But If The Wicked Will Turn From All His Sins that he hath committed, and keep all My Statutes, and do that which is Lawful and Right, he shall surely Live, he shall not die." Ezekiel 18:21 KJV*



Partial obedience is disobedience. *"Whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and YET OFFEND IN ONE POINT, he is guilty of all."* Some may contend we no longer have to observe the Law, because we are in the dispensation of Grace, but the Apostle Paul does not concur; *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that Grace may abound? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Wherefore the Law Is Holy, and the Commandment Holy, And Just, And Good. For we know that the Law Is Spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the Law That It Is Good. For in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing."* The Law Is the Standard or measure of God's Righteousness. Dear Believer, until you understand that you are in a war, that your body is on the enemy's side, that unless you walk in Truth by the Power of God's Word alone, you are doomed to failure! Your Salvation is not the end of sin. It is the beginning of Faith. Faith only grows by the rain of trial, the Son-shine of Truth, and the nutrients only acquired through meditation and prayer. Our strength against the evil lurking in our own flesh is *"the Mind of Christ."* What Is That Mind? It is the Word of God *"Written upon the fleshy tables of the heart. Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee."* If we would stay by God's side, *"walking in the Light,"* obeying God's Word, He would not have to send trials to bring us back. Let's put some practical wheels on this vehicle of faith. Thought precedes deeds. You do what you think. You cannot do it unless you are thinking of it. You might contend with the reflexive actions of the body, but it still registers in thought before you move and an "ouch" usually follows. *"As he thinketh in his heart so is he."* You don't get good deeds from bad thoughts. If you do not keep God's Word, the Mind of Christ in your thoughts day and night, you will sin, but if you do, your deeds will reflect those thoughts; you will "walk" in them. If prayer is only thought of in times of need, you know nothing of prayer or God. Troubles begin when we stop *"looking unto the Author and Finisher of our Faith,"* and start looking at the wares of Vanity Fair, desiring their pleasures, and indulging lust. Desire dilutes diligence, pleasure pollutes piety, and fun frustrates faith. Is Jesus your lover or your lackey? Do you serve His Purposes or your own? The answer lies in the frequency and intimacy of your relationship with God's Word. *"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto Righteousness?"* Who is your master?

You will obey your greater love,  
Your own desire, or Christ above,  
Escape the chains of sin and death,  
And walk in Truth with ev'ry breath! –CGP

Losers disobey the rules. As long as you walk east, you'll never find west, but it is only one turn away! The same is true of God. As long as you walk in sin, you'll never find God; He is but one turn away.

*"Thou Wilt Keep him in Perfect Peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Isaiah 26:3 KJV*