

"Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." John 15:15 KJV

You do even hard things for a friend because you genuinely care for them. Jesus called us friends even though He served us. He gave His life that we might live. Is anything more precious than your own life? Satan seduces many into risking their lives for pleasure. From adrenaline junkies to heroin addicts, many perish, destroying their eternal soul, because they don't want to think about God or the consequences of sin! Jesus wants to deliver us from the snare of carnal pleasure. Satan convinces, even believers, that there is no pleasure in loving and obeying God, but *"Thou wilt shew me the Path of Life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."* Satan uses GOOD things to tempt us away from the BEST things; family, job, friends, comfort, and pleasure are just a few. How many times have you substituted a GOOD Christian book for your own Bible study? *"Study to shew THYSELF approved unto God...rightly dividing the Word of Truth."* God ordained Creation to proclaim His goodness and character. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard."* There are lessons in every leaf and revelations in every rock. When Christ died the rocks cracked. *"Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold...the rocks rent."* You cannot find a natural stone of any kind that does not have at least one crack in it. There were more than just twelve eyewitnesses to the resurrection of our Lord. His resurrection was so powerful that many saints were born upwards in the moment. *"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose...and went into the holy city (Jerusalem), and appeared unto many."* When will we start gathering the gold of faith? *"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."* Did your Mom ever ask, "Did you HEAR what I said?" She wasn't as concerned with your hearing as in you doing what she said. *"Hereby we do know that we know (hear) Him, if we keep (obey) His commandments."* When will we realize that God offers so much more? Jesus said, *"I am come that they might have Life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Peace give I unto you."* Satan stands with glittering baubles of pleasure between us and Truth. Even the elements are at the disposal of every believer. *"If...my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done."* Satan wants to keep you from God's Word. When did you last spend one hour in reading and meditation? Are you too busy for your Friend?



We do not serve for debt or oath,
Although we owe our Lord for both,
His mighty Love constrains each deed,
If we on Living Manna feed. ~CGP

If nothing can ever separate the saint from God's Love, why do we keep avoiding it?

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 KJV