

*"Peter seeing Him saith to Jesus, 'Lord, and what shall this man do?' Jesus saith unto him, 'If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me.'" John 21:21-22 KJV*



Only follow men who are true to God's Word. 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 (how they live). Satan is the master whisperer. He is so subtle we often think his whispers our own. While mulling over a situation: like finding a parking space: we see one only to see another take it and become instantly irritated. Did that ever strike you as being satanic? Well, it is. Satan's first whisper is, "I need a close one." Do you really? We are so accustomed to ease we forget most of the world still walks. Next he whispers, "I have to find one quick!" This sets up the bad-tempered response we're fed when a spot is taken. How do we defeat the Whisperer? *"In EVERYTHING give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* Think of the stress you'll avoid by obeying this one command. If I "in everything" seek that for which I can give thanks, parking would be a passing thought. I should be thankful I don't have to walk; for the car; safe travel; (for which I probably forgot to ask) health to earn finances necessary to afford said car, its fuel, insurance; and my purchases. Don't think Satan isn't desperately trying to whisper you in to a frazzled, poor decision-making frame of mind. You'll be unaware of danger or become angry when you should be thanking God. Keep your thoughts on God's Word throughout your day. *"Meditate therein day and night. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed (anchored) on Thee. Great peace have they which love Thy Law and NOTHING shall offend them."* If we're as diligent about our own faith as we expect others to be, we won't have time to ask. *"What shall this man do?"* We won't have time to listen to the Whisperer as he deftly points out shortcomings of fellow believers, causing the poison of pride to start creeping up the walls of our castle. *"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts (evil thoughts ó satanic whispers) of the wicked. For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."* All a person needs to make is one mistake to destroy your trust. A tiny root of pride in a tiny crack of trust will grow until it splits a boulder off the mountain of faith causing an avalanche of doubt, despair and backsliding! Make God's Word your measure of living. He never fails! *õIf we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself.ö*

It matters not what others do,  
But that your faith commendeth you,  
You'll not be judged by others deeds,  
But by the Truth you did not heed. ~CGP

I can't properly steer a moving vehicle while looking out the side window. Alert focus upon the road and its signs bring me safely to my destination. It's not enough to drive properly. I must obey the law, follow the map, and heed warning signs or I'll crash and burn! My neighbor's yard matters little if mine is in need of work. *õAnd why beholdest thou the mote (speck) that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?ö*

*"For though we walk in the flesh we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations (impulses), and every high thing that exalteth itself (lie) against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ: And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled." 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 KJV*