

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1 KJV

Each day is a plethora of choice. Satan has engineered the world system to be a cacophony of temptation for men's lusts. Self-gratification, pleasure, is the single dominant driving force behind every decision men make, regardless of the implied intention, unless motivated by a force greater than themselves. As long as believers are earthbound, they are bombarded incessantly by temptations to pleasure, from food to procreation, which speaks volumes about the power of God's Word over the hearts and minds of believers! *ðAs many as received Him (Christ, God's Word), to them gave He power.*ð Satan's best can't hold a candle to the Son-light of God. Sacrifice of pleasure to the obedience of faith is our *ðreasonableð* service. *ðWe are bought with a price.*ð We resist the impulses of our flesh, and draw ever nearer to our Lord through God's Word. *ðThis Book of the Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein (think about it) DAY AND NIGHT, that thou mayest observe to do (obey) according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*ð You can't think about that of which you know nothing. You can't know God's Word if it's only a shelf decoration or coffee-table ornament in your home. You can't obey that which you do not know or believe. I draw closer to God by obeying the Word of God. It's not faith born of works. It's works born of faith. It's not the good deeds you do that pleases God, but the reason you do them. *ðWithout faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY seek Him.*ð If I flee the temptation that incites disobedience, I will find the *ðWay of escape.*ð If TV is a temptation, turn it off. If you need news, use a radio. If radio blasts ungodly content or commercials, turn it off. Most broadcast ñnewsð is bad news anyway, and you'd probably be less stressed without it. We don't NEED to be informed about the evil deeds of men. During one of the most debauched periods of Roman history, Paul wrote to the Church at Rome, *ðI would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple (ignorant) concerning evil.*ð Spend time meditating. When it ñgoes against the grainð to obey God, it's my *ðreasonable service.*ð Keeping tongues in check is probably the most daunting task believers have. The secret to controlling the tongue is the control of the heart, *ðfor out of the heart the mouth speaketh.*ð Let the Water of God's Word wash your thoughts clean and *ðdwell in your heart richlyð* through constant thought of doing the right thing. Your tongue problems will vanish. The best way to flee temptation and resist the devil is to *ðSubmit yourselves therefore to God,*ð and then you can *ðresist the devil, and he will flee from you.*ð Prayer is communing with God in my spirit, whatever may be currently occupying my time, in other words, being aware at all times of what is the right thing to do and doing it. Thought requires clarity to be productive in deed. Judge every thought by the Holy Spirit. Pure actions will always follow pure thoughts! KNOW AND OBEY God's Word.

Love your Father, instead of self,
And put your lusts upon a shelf,
Temptation flee on bended knee,
And let the world see Christ in thee. ~CGP

Do you desire to be *ðacceptable unto God?*ð Your answer speaks volumes about your faith.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5 KJV

