

“This I say then, **‘Walk In The Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.” **Galatians 5:16-17 KJV**

Oil and water do not mix. “No man can serve two masters.” You either serve desire or God. You’re either obeying self or Truth. You may readily know which by what you do. “We know that we know Him, if we keep (obey) His Commandments (God’s Word).” This absolute defines on which side of Truth you stand. If you stand for Truth, you’ll be rejected by unbelievers and shallow believers alike. If you can easily enjoy

worldly things with unbelievers, you are serving self. “Come out from among them and be ye separate,” is the Command of Scripture. “Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the ENEMY of God.” Jesus said, “Ye are my friends, IF ye DO whatsoever I command you. Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, ‘Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad. Whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.’” Did you know unbelief blasphemes the Holy Spirit? Consistent disregard of God’s Word for personal pleasure, calls God, the Spirit of Truth a liar! Disobedience makes you God’s enemy! Would you help your enemy? We often disobey or ignore Truth on pretext of necessity, but the Truth is we abhor rejection! If men reject the Words of Truth, they will be condemned for it on Judgment Day! “Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” The workplace is where we are most often guilty. We love money more than we God’s friendship! “The love of money is the root of ALL evil! Those that live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” I went through many hardships at work, because I refused to compromise Truth. Being best friends with unbelievers or backsliden believers is not standing for Truth. One test of obedience is the kind of TV you watch. All TV remotes have an “off” button. It takes less than 8 ounces of pressure to press it. Would you do what you do if Christ were standing right next to you? Well...HE IS! “Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy Presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there.” You cannot escape God nor His chastisement by pretending He’s not there!

Doing right is thinking right,
Keeping thought within Truth’s Light,
I cannot stumble in the night,
If I am walking in God’s might! –CGP

Where can you go and what can you do that God is not already there seeing all, even your thoughts? We know this and yet do nothing about it, because we are serving self, not God. I’m guilty myself. I’m often at the Throne of Grace confessing sin. I’m gently reminded that God’s Word is my source of Joy and Strength, because by it Faith is strengthened. With it ALL Satan’s fiery darts of doubt and temptation are quenched and Peace and Joy are Its Reward! Most prefer to walk in the muddy ditch of sin with the perfectly dry path of obedience right next to it! God’s Word in your mind is the key to “walking in the Spirit. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.” Know the Truth and you will be free to walk uprightly!

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself 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 10:5-6 KJV

