

"Proving What Is Acceptable Unto The Lord." Ephesians 5:10 KJV



God's Word is the testing laboratory for men's thoughts. God's Commands on the subject are very clear. *"This Book of the Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth (conversation); but thou shalt meditate (think) therein DAY AND NIGHT, that thou mayest observe TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are TRUE, whatsoever things are HONEST, whatsoever things are JUST, whatsoever things are PURE, whatsoever things are LOVELY, whatsoever things are of GOOD REPORT; IF there be any virtue, and IF there be any praise, think on these things."* To prove something means to test whether or not it's trustworthy. Your car has either proven to be reliable or not. With proper maintenance, a car will stay reliable. God's Word needs no maintenance. It is the same *"yesterday, today, and forever. Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven."* It is the absolute Standard by which life is measured. God's Word is the rule which determines an act or thought sinful or righteous. We can trust in its accuracy. It is never wrong! Should a doubt arise as to its validity, one need only peruse history to settle the dispute. The Bible is not a science textbook, but where it touches on the subject it is 100% accurate. Columbus staked his fortune and career on the Truth of Scripture. You won't find that recorded in humanist literature, but he believed God's Word when it stated the earth was round. *"Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being His counsellor hath taught Him? It is He that sitteth upon the CIRCLE OF THE EARTH, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in."* Every "scientist" of the day deemed the earth flat, but Columbus went against popular consensus and relied on the Word of God. Turns out, God was right again, Duh! God used the faith of Columbus to pave a way of escape for believers under Catholic and Church of England persecution. The "Mayflower Compact" was composed by men who feared and worshipped God. Some brought the "State Church" mentality to the New World, but God intervened on behalf of the true believers and the Church of Jesus Christ flourished. We can wholeheartedly rely on the Word of God to determine difficult choices and evaluate evil. We become wise by meditating upon its precepts. *"I will walk at liberty: for I seek Thy precepts. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Thy precepts."* Obey God and never be wrong!

Acceptable unto the Lord,
Is always found within God's Word,
If we have doubt of what to do,
His Word abideth ever true. –CGP

We must continually introspectively evaluate our thoughts by God's Word to secure our path from sinful acts. We measure thought against the Scripture to first determine the thought's validity and then its origin. If we find it false, then we know it is either from our lust or a fiery devilish dart that has been hurled in our direction. As we meditate upon the Word our Shield of Faith becomes stronger and stronger. As we commune with our Lord through prayer and reading, our Breastplate of Righteousness gleams brighter and brighter. Our feet will never tire when properly shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Our Standard never wavers.

"So shall they fear the Name of the LORD from the west, and His Glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a Standard against him." Isaiah 59:19 KJV