

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” *Colossians 3:2 KJV*

What do we truly care about? Family? Friends? Things? Comfort? Pleasure? Prosperity? Legacy? Most of our affections are squandered on temporal things that are sure to fade with time. Even loved ones die. Affection is the emotion of Love. Love is the demonstration of that emotion; the silent nearness of a loved one; the hug of comfort in distress. Do we acquaint ourselves with the King of Glory enough to be affectionate towards Him? Many claim to love and know God, but their lives and conversation make them a liar! Are we familiar enough with His Word,



so that when the Holy Spirit whispers thoughts of God’s Word into our consciousness we hear and respond? God does not shout at His children. His thunder is reserved for His enemies. He speaks quietly to His own in a “*still small voice.*” God’s Word says, “*BE STILL and know that I Am God!*” The whisper of a close friend cannot be heard across a noisy room. The gentle caress of a loved on cannot be felt when separated. God is Life. Without Him there is only death. God imparts Eternal Life by virtue of Himself with a man’s spirit and sin separates men from God. Sin is any disobedience of God’s Word. He does not rate sin on a scale of one to ten, any sin will damn you without God’s forgiveness and unless you call, repent, and forsake, your sin remains unforgiven! God’s Word says, “*The soul that sinneth, it shall die!*” Are you forgiven? We must remain close to God, anticipating His direction and desires for us through the study of and meditation (thinking) on God’s Word. If we truly love Him, we will want to be near Him. We will want to please Him and hear His voice. But we must “*be still*” to know that He is God. It is in the quietness of our hearts that God’s voice will be heard as we meditate upon His Words and renew our minds at the Fountain of all knowledge. Time spent together draws people close, and we can never hope to be close to God if we do not spend time in His Word!

God’s Word brings men to Majesty,
If they will follow faithfully,
And we will know His love is true,
For He loved us before we knew. ~CGP

I cannot love who I do not know. If your love for God is merely lip service, it’s because you do not know Him. You cannot know God if you ignore, neglect, or disobey His Word! If you do not know Him, He does not know you! “*Many will say to me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? And in Thy name have cast out devils? And in Thy name done many wonderful works?’ And then will I profess unto them, ‘I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity!’*” Many assume they will plead their own case with God on Judgment Day, but unless Jesus Christ is your Advocate, you are forever damned! “*If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” If God does not know you, you have no Advocate! If you have no affection for God or His Word, you do not know God!

*“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”
Psalm 91:1 KJV*