

*“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain From All Appearance Of Evil.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 KJV*



Not only are we to avoid sin, but even the appearance of it. If you think it might be wrong, it is. You cannot stop the birds from flying over, but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair! Habits are formed by repetitive action. Do you look where to place your feet when driving? Or walking? Why? Because you have done it so often it becomes a reflex. Sin is the natural reflex of our body. *“For we know that the Law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the Law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, In My Flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.”* When we want to obey God, our bodily lusts become our enemy. Let’ revisit the empty glass; to prevent it being filled with air, fill it with water and keep it full. To keep your mind empty of evil, fill it with God’s Word, Truth. I still have to look up the references for the Truth I know, but the fact is, I know the Words and they temper my choices; IF I LET THEM! Allowing Truth in your mind is a conscience choice, just as your neglect of knowing God’s Word is! Many will stand before God on Judgment Day and think they are OK, because of what they heard someone say, but will be dead wrong, because they neglected to know God’s Word for themselves! *“Not every one that saith unto me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 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.”* Do you THINK you know God or do you know? *“And hereby we do KNOW that we KNOW him, IF we keep (obey) His Commandments. He that saith, ‘I KNOW Him,’ and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him.”* If you walk east, you are “abstaining” from walking west. Obedience is the best abstinence.

Shun the evil by doing right,  
Just love the Lord with all your might,  
And when tis o’er sin’s darkest night,  
You’ll dwell in Heaven’s Glory bright! –CGP

It is never easy being right, but know this; when you obey God’s Word, you walk with God!

*“If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the Truth: But if we walk in the Light (obey), as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:6-9 KJV*