

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;)” Hebrews 10:23no2 KJV

Do you “profess” faith in Jesus Christ? Does your life bear witness to your “profession?” Obedience to God’s Word is the true “*profession of your faith*,” NOT your words! We often say things we think are sincere until they are tested. We profess to be someone’s friend until a moment of anger or betrayal reveals the veracity of our “profession.” We profess to know how to do something until we are faced with having to do it. New Year’s resolutions are “professed,” but soon, old habits obliterate them. How many “profess” faith in Christ, to love and trust Him, but their life soon denies their “profession?” Some consider faithful church attendance, faithfulness to Christ, but are just like a million other religionists who faithfully perform rituals! It is not outward appearance, but inward adherence that makes one a believer! If God’s Word is not in your thoughts, you do not hear God and cannot follow Him! *“My sheep HEAR my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am KNOWN OF MINE.”* You cannot hear God unless you know His Word. You cannot KNOW His Word unless you daily read and study it; meditate (think) on it, obey it, and *“pray without ceasing.”* You cannot and will not love God if you do not know God! God IS His Word: Know His Word KNOW Him! Aside from that, your faith is merely a mouth profession not a heart possession! If your day proceeds without thoughts of God’s Word and guidance throughout, you do not possess faith; you merely “profess” it! If I truly believe that *“I can do ALL things through Christ and without [Him I] can do NOTHING,”* then I would not even attempt to brush my teeth without asking God’s guidance for the day! *“In ALL thy ways acknowledge Him (we acknowledge God by obeying His Word) and He shall direct thy paths!”* God cannot guide me *“into all Truth”* if I do not meditate on Truth I have read and studied. If I love God, I should no sooner be able to forget God’s Word than a lovesick youth forgets their sweetheart’s letters! Truth would be continuously on my mind. All I see and do would remind me of Him! Anything replacing God in my thoughts shouldn’t be thought! *“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.”* Truth can be applied to all I do from work to social interaction. Work and speak honestly! If Truth causes co-workers to avoid me at the water-cooler, I’ll probably not hear sinful remarks or act impulsively to be sociable. My words ought always glorify God! Mom always said, “If you can’t say anything nice, be quiet!” to which Dad would jokingly add, “Silence is golden! Shut-up and get rich!” Humor and good advice aside, It is our own “profession” that will judge us at the Judgment Seat of Christ! *“For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”* If you “profess” what you do not do, you are a liar! *“If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness (disobedience), we lie, and do not the Truth: But if we walk in the Light (obey God’s Word), as He is in the Light (God does what He thinks same as you), 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.”* True Love truly trusts! Does your life mock your words?



Professing faith does not confirm,
That I, God’s Word, have never spurned,
To stay my mind upon God’s Word,
Will keep me faithful, unperturbed! ~CGP

We delude ourselves into thinking, because we've fooled men, that God understands and automatically forgives us! While He does understand us better than ourselves, forgiveness is predicated upon our repentance of sin. If I do not forsake the sin, I have not repented of it! Obedience is repentance! Do I really believe, or do I just "say" I do?

"Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." Titus 1:15-16 KJV

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