

“Beloved, Follow Not That Which Is Evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.”
3 John 1:11 KJV

What exactly is evil? Is it murder? Lying? Love of money? The answer is, “Yes! All this and more!” Going back to the first evil in Eden, we find evil first introduced as the serpent who questioned the veracity of God’s Word; “*Hast God said?*” Which was quickly followed by the Original Lie: “*Thou shalt not surely die.*” Anything which opposes, skews, or denies the



veracity of God’s Word, be it thought, word, or deed, is evil, because it is at its foundation, unbelief. We often practice evil without even realizing we do so by adopting and following worldly philosophies and practices. For example: Getting involved with worldly programs so our children are subverted by the insidious evils of worldly behavior. We do the same ourselves by letting social ills and causes distract us from the first mission of every believer Given by Christ Himself; “*Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel. Ye shall be witnesses unto Me.*” Jesus Said quite plainly, “*MY SHEEP know My Voice and they follow Me.*” Who is “*Me?*” The very Word of God Made Flesh who dwelt among us! “*In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Same was in the Beginning with God. All things Were Made by Him; and without Him was not any thing Made that Was Made. In Him Was Life; and The Life was The Light of men. And the Word Was Made Flesh, and Dwelt among us, (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father,) full of Grace and Truth. John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, ‘This was He of Whom I spake, He that Cometh after me Is Preferred before me: for He Was before me.’*” When you find your thoughts drifting away on the tide of worry or care that denies or doubts the absolute Truth of God’s Written Word, or find yourself practicing worldly behaviors; you have just believed the Lie and turned your footsteps toward evil! A one degree compass deviation will cause a thousand mile error if not corrected. The Compass of Life is God’s Word. If you would possess Eternal Life, correct your course and follow It!

I may not know the step to take,
But I can always right one make,
By trusting Truth of Holy Word,
By walking always with my Lord. –CGP

I cannot follow God’s Word if I do not know God’s Word. We say, “God Bless America” without realizing His Words Are His Blessings given to Guide us to His Bountiful Provision! If you have access to God’s Written Word, and you neglect or ignore it, YOU have chosen to cut yourself off from God and His Blessings! “*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, Rightly dividing (understanding) the Word of Truth.*” You will never understand nor follow what you do not know.

“This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate 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.” Joshua 1:8 KJV