

*"We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out. For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them." *Psalms 44:1-3 KJV**



Living without God is like trying to empty the ocean with a bucket! You may get some but never all! Many churches use promotions, productions, and propaganda to fill pews and find that they must continue to do so to keep them filled, because God didn't draw the hearts of the people, giveaways did! My Dad used to say, "If you use hamburgers to get 'em, you'll need french-fries to keep 'em!" Godly preaching without fanfare may thin the pews, but it will build the church! It wasn't the Apostles that grew the Church. *"And THE LORD added to the Church daily such as should be saved."* If you depend on God for what you need you can depend on God to safeguard and protect it! I'm not saying don't work, but don't stress out over a job! Do your best and leave God the rest! *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee!"* God not only provides what we can afford, but makes it last! I've never missed a meal nor lived on the street! *"Having food and raiment, therewith be content."* We focus on the world, want things, and use worldly ways to acquire them, ending up with sorrows and woes. *"For the LOVE of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."* Money isn't problem, the LOVE of it is! If God gives me what I need money to buy, I don't need the money! Many times we venture into our day with so much as a nod in God's direction, when we are specifically instructed; *"IN ALL THY WAYS (getting up, eating, working, relaxing, and etc.) acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."* We acknowledge God *"by taking heed thereto (obeying) according to Thy Word."*

Victory gained by one's own deeds,
Retains within tomorrow's greed,
If I obey God's Word in deed,
He will supply my ev'ry need! ~CGP

You can't do what you don't know. When did you last really study God's Word? *"Study to show thyself approved unto God; rightly dividing the Word of Truth."* It requires study to know which part of a manual applies to which problem. You may read and know the brake section, but you don't use it to work on the transmission. To be a master mechanic takes years of experience and study, even for those who don't attend trade school! Who wrote the manual on life? God did! Living life without God is like working on your car yourself while it's still 100% under warranty for everything! Salvation grants you an eternal warranty on life from God who is life! Warranties become null and void if you don't obey the manufacturer's guidelines on maintenance and fuel requirements. Life becomes null and void if you don't obey God's Word!

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:5-7 KJV