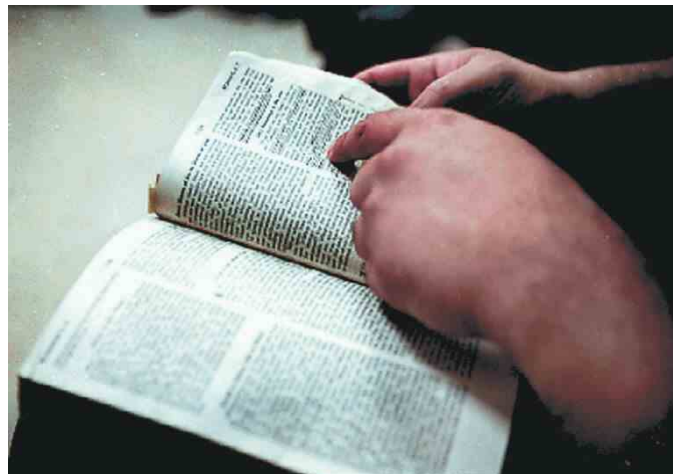


"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11 KJV



In this era of increased knowledge, most believers know their computer better than their Bible. With all the Bible software available there is no excuse. I know one which I use exclusively.* It was developed by a believer, distributed world-wide in many languages, is absolutely free, and includes Strong's Concordance and many dictionaries, commentaries, and devotionals. It is a complete Bible study resource for even the most simple computer user! The shame of it is, we spend more time with texting, email, games, and Facebook than in Bible study and wonder why our prayers go unanswered and our peace and joy are non-existent! I'll won't mention our testimony for Christ. We have no power in witnessing, because we have not studied to *"be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh, a reason of the hope that is in [us]."* Evil men are only interested in what they think are inconsistencies and contradictions in Scripture so they can excuse their wickedness! The Pharisees could not answer Christ, because His answers and questions were always right! The same would be true of us if we simply took the time to read, study, and meditate daily in God's Word. The Truth is, we don't really want to know, because if we know, we'll have to abandon our worldly lifestyle or face chastisement from Father. Our lack of knowledge is essentially unbelief, because we are blind concerning the Truth and this is right where Satan wants us. He doesn't care if we're Christians, when we doubt, we become blind and powerless. They left the Apostles alone until they began to preach and heal folks in Jesus name. Maybe we have no opposition for the same reason. We don't go in search of ants, but let them invade our kitchen and suddenly they have our full attention! *"All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution!"* When were you last persecuted for your faith? Your answer reveals just how Godly you are. Persecution takes all forms from rejection to personal attacks. Some attacks, sad to say, come from within our families and churches. True faith sees them for what they are; minds manipulated by Satan, because of unbelief! *ōThe god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not.ö* When you doubt God's Word, you call God a liar!

A daily walk in Holy Light,
Will keep us safe in pow'r and right,
And though unwelcome in men's sight,
We'll overcome in God's own might! ~CGP

You don't forget to eat every day, because hunger creates an appetite. *"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."* The Spirit's whispers barely catch our attention! Our spirit is weak, because we haven't fed it! You'll languish in a dying bed of doubt unless you rise and eat of the healing *"Bread of Life"* and drink from the fountain of the *ōWater of Life!ö*

"But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot hath held His steps, His way have I kept, and not declined. Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the Words of His mouth more than my necessary food." Job 23:10-12 KJV

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*The free Bible study resource "e-Sword" can be downloaded free at <http://www.e-sword.net/downloads.html>.