"From which some having swerved have turned aside unto <u>vain jangling</u>: Desiring to be teachers of the Law (God's Word); understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm." 1 Timothy 1:6-7 KJV

Because something is in your mind doesn't mean it has to fall out of your mouth. "Study to be quiet." There are many who, because they have read the Bible and a few study books, think they know and understand Truth and



thereby consider themselves qualified instructors: Never once having received the tutelage of the Holy Spirit nor sought the salvation of their soul through faith in Jesus Christ. Christian bookstore shelves are lined with books by those who know not the Lord Jesus and suppose themselves teachers by virtue of some university or seminary degree. To understand Truth, one needs "the Spirit of Truth who will guide you into all Truth." You cannot know Truth outside of God's gift of faith and the indwelling presence of the eternal Spirit, God Himself! You are not indwelt if you have not bowed humbly before Almighty God and asked for His mercy and forgiveness of your sin! Outside of true faith, your words about God to others are "vain jangling," because you have never met the Author nor heard His Voice of Truth in the quiet stillness of your soul! If reading a book made experts, why are there teachers? God, the Holy Spirit is the only teacher qualified to teach God's Word for He is its Author! Who better to explain a letter you have written than you? Good preachers want you to read your Bible as they present what the Spirit has taught them. Not to depend on them for Truth and training, but to have your own firsthand encounter with God; to know the blessed Peace and Joy of knowing God intimately! They "have no greater joy than to hear that their children walk in (obey) Truth!" Ever heard the expression, "Shedding light on the matter?" It means revealing unknown facts. When Scripture tells us, "walk in the Light as He (God) is in the Light," meaning, know God's Word and obey it. It also tells us, "God IS Light and in Him is no darkness at all." God understands EVERYTHING with perfect understanding! Who better to guide you? What stands between you and God is "lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and the pride of life." Without God, His Word, in your soul, you traverse the treacherous paths of life without a Guide! God's child need not fret for anything for, "Great Peace have they which love Thy Law and NOTHING shall offend them!" That means; you will trust God's Word in every situation!

> The words of fools run endlessly, Pretending Truth, supposedly, And those who follow heedlessly, Will soon be damned eternally! ~CGP

If you've studied God's Word under the Holy Spirit's instruction, good for you! He will apprise you of the Truth or the lie in other's words through knowledge of His Word. But, without obedience, you will know nothing. When we trust and obey, God then unveils more Truth to us. Would you teach your rebellious, backtalking, disobedient child to drive a car? Or use a gun? God is a better parent than anyone. He'll not reveal nuggets of Truth to disobedient children. When we ask God "Why?" first think, "Am I obedient?" You'll instantly know half-truth, lie, or false premise by first having God as your infallible Guide through faith in His Word, and then learning and meditating in His Word, so Truth is constantly in your thoughts. You need not know exactly what is wrong every time, but you will immediately know it isn't right!

"These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. But the Anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same Anointing teacheth you of all things, and is Truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him." I John 2:26-27 KJV