

“Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have Delivered Unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.” 1 Timothy 1:19-20 KJV

You may think that being delivered to Satan involves some overtly hideous torment: It does, but not in the way you may think. Satan destroys men through the fulfillment of lust; with the pleasures of our own disobedience. *“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Be not deceived; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh (lust) shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap Life Everlasting.”* Just like honey hides bitterness,



pleasure hides the death in the poison fruit of sin. *“The soul that sinneth, it shall die; for the wages of sin is death.”* We betray our faith by indulging the lusts of the flesh; first in ourselves, and then in others. Will God deliver you to Satan for your betrayal? When we sin willfully, our deeds imply we think God indulges sin. Through our practice of worldly philosophies and pastimes we mock the Truth we claim to believe and dishonor Christ’s sacrifice on Calvary! Your is the end result of what you’ve sown. *“This Book of the Law (God’s Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth (thought precedes words); but thou shalt meditate therein DAY AND NIGHT, that thou mayest...DO...ALL that is written therein: FOR THEN thou shalt make thy way prosperous.”* We may think our life is where we wish it to be and therein lies our downfall; it IS where WE want it to be, but not where GOD wants it to be! Do you want to be rewarded by God or by Satan? You choose what you desire. Do you desire what is right? Remember; Satan destroys through pleasure. If we saturate our hearts and minds with Truth, our desires will be righteous and we will want what God wants us to have and our every need will be supplied. *“Trust in the LORD...and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD (obey); trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.”* Jesus is God, *“the Word made flesh,”* so you could read the above phrase, *“Delight thyself also in the [Word of God].”* Your desires will then be righteous and God will delight in giving them to you. *“No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. As he THINKETH in his heart, so is he.”* What you think is what you do.

Each step I take will lead me to,
The end result of what I do,
Sin leads to death and hopelessness,
Truth leads to bliss and righteousness. –CGP

You sow corn, you get corn. You sow beans, you get beans. You sow sin; you get death, *“for the wages of sin is death!”* You get what you sow! Desire comes from thought. Deeds come from desire. What do you desire? You can’t see what is behind you. Are you facing God or sin? Will Satan have the last laugh on you?

“Know ye not, that to whom (or what) ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” Romans 6:16 KJV