

"But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." 1Timothy 6:11 KJV



“Follow after” means, being a disciple; one who accepts and teaches the doctrines of another which, biblically, is God’s Word. In the digital age (for lack of a better term) we use the “copy” function quite frequently. We right click with the idea of replicating. If we applied that to Holiness, it would require less decision making and stress. If we would simply accept and teach “*righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness,*” we wouldn’t have to decide whether or not to do the right thing. Our lives would teach in word AND deed the precepts already written and exemplified in God’s Word. It should be habit to “copy and paste” from the pages of scripture. It would eliminate the tedious work of policing every action and thought. We could be assured of accuracy, because the original is perfect. “*Let this mind (God’s Word) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus:*” Perfect obedience to the “*Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness neither shadow of turning.*” There will never be any revisions to the code of righteousness, because “*Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and for ever.*” Once we replicate Holiness in our lives through obedience, we need have no fear of new mandates coming down to nullify previous instructions. The clockwork precision of the universe is chaos by comparison to the steadfast perfection of God. It has been said, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. “*The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch,*” because they imitated Christ. Do we? If not, why not? Jesus is the inspiration of Life. He gives structure and meaning to all endeavors and action. “*By Him ALL THINGS consist.*” Without His beautiful presence there is only death and destruction! His is the pattern to which we should conform. “*O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth. Yea, He is altogether lovely.*” Is there anything more lovely than “*For God so loved the world.*”? Is there anything more endearing than, “*By grace are ye saved.*”? Is there anything more joyous than, “*If I go, I will come again and receive you unto myself.*”? The eternity of the faithful will be spent in total bliss and admiration of the “*Beauty of Holiness.*” Righteousness isn’t an attribute, it’s a person; “*the armour of righteousness – put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.*” When others see my life. I want them to see “*Christ in me the hope of glory.*” My desires should copy the Father’s desire that I “*be conformed to the image of His Son.*” Obedience bestows the liberty of Holiness. Satan tries to convince us that sin frees and Holiness constrains, but it’s just the opposite.

Living right and clean and free,
Will tear the chains of sin from me,
The devil’s lies will fool no more,
And I’ll be sure of Heaven’s shore. -CGP

There is power and freedom in Holy living. Freedom from sin and the power of the Resurrection of Christ unto Eternal Life! If death cannot harm me, what is there to fear? “*Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is Love; and he that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in Love; but perfect Love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in Love. We Love Him, because He first Loved us.*” Divine Love is defined by the Actions of Eternity’s Sovereign, Jesus Christ, towards men!

"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psalms 37:4 KJV