

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2 Timothy 3:5 KJV



Like a mirror's reflection, many temporarily mimic Godliness, by being religious, but are no different than unbelievers; not obeying God's Word and with no desire to share it. I'm not talking about drunks or murderers; I'm talking about those who can't wait to get home from church to watch TV, mow the yard, or check on the dinner. "Church" is just their social club. When Satan steals the "Joy of the Lord," he steals your power, because "the Joy of the Lord is your strength." Not Joy that comes from us; but the Joy inherent in God, Himself, who you must be WITH to have! Satan steals our Joy by tempting us to disobey God's Word! He steals that by keeping us from God's Word. A plethora of mini-crisis will erupt the minute you pick up your Bible; from phone calls to a broken pipes! Right now, as I write, the Village fire horn is bellowing a block away, the dogs are barking frantically, and the phone is ringing! Satan will keep you from Church and the fellowship of other believers and will scream in your face until you put down your Bible! You'll never have time to pray unless you diligently practice the presence of God by continually communing with Him; "Pray without ceasing!" If Bible preaching doesn't speak to your heart, you are not listening to God. Nature isn't God's House! The Assembly of believers ARE the House of God! "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, THERE AM I in the midst of them." It doesn't say where two or three gather to fish! I'm not talking about hallelujah fits, but where the quiet presence of the "still small Voice" is heard. God's presence may induce praise and singing, but His Voice comes in the quiet of still thought. "Be still, and know that I Am God!" God speaks to us the words for one another that encourage and "lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees." A Spirit-filled Assembly is hushed and joyous at once, as we worship at His feet and sing and praise God to one another. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" Many leave too quickly after church! God's power is with us as we leave only if we have a fervent desire to share His bounty with others; not to get home to change and eat! Jesus is the only hope the stressed, diseased, corrupt, fearful, and wicked men of this existence ever have of obtaining the power to continue beyond the grave. Even those who seem to "have it all," have nothing compared to Eternal Life. Believers are the only truly wealthy among men, because they are citizens of The KINGDOM "whose Builder and Maker is God. Wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city." Do you have God's Joy and Power or do you just pretend it?

Our strength comes not from toil or work,
From mindless chat and fun berserk,
But from the God Who dwells within,
Who's promised Joy that has no end! ~CGP

If your mind is not stable, neither will be your words or deeds. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him (obey His Word): Rooted and built up in [Christ] (God's Word). GREAT PEACE have they which LOVE THY LAW (God's Word) and NOTHING shall offend them." Nothing thrives in chaos except fear, evil, and those rooted in God's Word!

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of Power, and of Love, and of a Sound Mind (thoughts rooted in God's Word)." 2 Timothy 1:7 KJV