

"And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not." Leviticus 10:1 KJV



When the fire of zeal is not Holy Spirit generated, it is “*strange fire.*” Human effort will end in destruction. Nadab and Abihu did not get their fire from where God commanded “*and there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them.*” If God has not commanded it, it is sin. “*Whatever is not of faith is sin.*” How often have you uttered or heard; “I can’t see anything wrong with it!” or “What’s wrong with it?” If word or deed needs validation outside of God’s Word, it is “*strange fire! There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*” When in doubt, leave it out. There’s no such thing as dabbling in sin. You can’t go east and west at the same time! Either you obey lust or you obey God! Believers are commanded, “*Abstain from all appearance of evil.*” It doesn’t have to be wrong to look wrong. For believers, it’s wrong even if it just appears wrong. God’s Word must “*dwell in you richly;*” you should “*meditate therein day and night;*” and “*observe to do all that is commanded.*” Otherwise, you’re depending on human effort, offering “*strange fire.*” If you seriously “*observe to do all that is commanded,*” you’ll not have time for sin. There is no such thing as “leisure time” for the faithful. The devil never takes a day off, so what makes you think believers have “leisure time?” Lions do not attack the strong of the herd. They watch and wait for stragglers and the young. Satan watches and waits for your guard to relax, for you to get lazy, or skip a day of meditation and prayer, then he attacks you with a gauntlet of temptation. From pleasure to anger he’ll ply your emotions until you succumb! He knows “*Great peace have they that love Thy law and nothing shall offend them.*” You cannot remain young in the faith. You must get off the “*milk of the Word*” into the meat if you are ever to grow strong and powerful enough to “*resist the devil.*” Feelings are not facts. If you do not walk with God through faith, HIS Joy will not be your joy. God’s presence includes His Word, His Spirit, and His Work in that order. Jesus is the “*Word made flesh.*” God’s Word reveals the Father whose Spirit guides us into the pure delight of Truth! “*And these three are one.*” You are with God when reading, meditating, or praying! The delight of His presence is your strength. “*The Joy of the Lord is your strength! It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are Life.*”

An uncommanded censer fire,
Will turn into a fun’ral pyre,
Unless the Lord commanded it,
Abstain from even doing it. ~CGP

To combat evil you must first be in the right army. Then you must have the right instructor and training. Finally you must “*put on the whole armour of God.*” Armor is useless unless worn. Combat soldiers don’t undress for bed and take no days off in the field. Lazy soldiers are dead soldiers! There is no R&R on the front line. “*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith.*” Heaven will be the believer’s R&R! We’ll be with God, face to face, forever!

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:11-13 KJV