

*“Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy way.” Psalms 119:37 KJV*

Our path depends on where we look. It is true of any age. Our focus determines our direction. We go where we're looking. Eve saw, desired, and took. *“When the woman SAW that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be DESIRED to make one wise, she TOOK of the fruit thereof, and did eat, AND GAVE also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”* We also include others in our sin, either by persuasion or influence. Others observe us, as we do others, to either compare or emulate. Our actions influence others no matter our intention. TV is designed for sellers, not viewers. How much is actually wholesome viewing? You pay for TV and they sell your time to advertisers, then we see, we desire, and we buy! We spend money to make ourselves spend more??? WOW! Are we like Judas Iscariot, pretending fidelity with a betrayal kiss? Do we attend church, spout Truth, and live like the world? If I get along with the unsaved crowd, I'm living like the world. *“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”* This means, if you don't suffer for your Christian testimony, you don't have one! You may protest innocence, but it's in God's Word. *“Let God be true, but every man a liar!”* Living like the world doesn't necessarily include drinking, smoking, going to movies, and partying. It may be as subtle as how we dress, where we shop, what we think, and how and what we buy. Am I guilty of *“beholding vanity?”* Being enticed by the world and *“drawn away of my own lust?”* Could I be more focused on Truth and the *“paths of righteousness?”* If the answer to any of these questions is “Yes,” then our focus needs to be more diligently turned to the *“Author and Finisher of our faith...for they that come to Him, must believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”* Are you a “diligent” seeker, or do you just meander through your Christian life learning only what you happen across?



Help me look where I must see,  
Let me follow only Thee,  
That I may through eternity,  
Always in Thy presence be! -CGP

There's a reason why TV is 30% or more commercials. It's the old “see and want” scenario. With the “buy now - pay later” philosophy and system they've made it even easier to gratify carnal lust. Unsecured credit is a devil's snare. You'll pay 30% -50% more (the devil's tithe) for everything you buy on credit by the time you're through! We pay more credit interest than we give to God! You may think your interest rate is only 15%, but that's per year. Do you pay off your entire credit debt every year? Every two years? And still have unsecured debt? That's how the world thinks and lives! It's vanity! If you really need it, God will see to it that you get it right on time - His time! If you use unsecured credit to buy, you're either not seeking God or you don't need it. *“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and ALL these things shall be added unto you.”* We need ponder and practice this, daily.

*“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. Do not err, my beloved brethren.” James 1:14-16 KJV*