

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." Psalms 139:14 KJV

Awareness always precedes denial. Men KNOW what is right. Children know when they do wrong. Why else would they hide? Lying doesn't have to be taught! Men hide their evil, because it is an inherited trait. *"And when [Eve] saw that the tree (of Knowledge of Good and Evil) 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 [Adam] did eat...they KNEW that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden...and Adam and HIS WIFE hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God."* (Note: God made Adam and Eve husband and wife, not Adam and Steve!) In their soul men KNOW right from sin. *"Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil, because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen...even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."* Why else would men go to such elaborate lengths to cover evil? When men are caught in sin, the lies and blame flow like water! It's never their fault! They didn't really mean to sin, but somehow they were forced??? There is not a child born that doesn't KNOW there's a God. *"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork."* In spite of the mountains of excuses men produce, they are *"without excuse!* When excuses don't work men resort to human reason. Situational ethics is the mainstay of evildoers in spite of the Truth their *"soul knoweth right well."* *"Men deceive themselves; thinking, "If I ignore or deny God, He really isn't here." They "know right well, every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* How many times have you caught yourself ignoring the *"still small voice,"* many call conscience, prodding you not to do something? We rationalize by telling ourselves, *"That's just how I am!"* or *"I just can't help it!"* The Truth is, we want to sin! There are thousands of excuses NOT to do right, but only one good reason to do it; *"God said it!"*



That God exists is surely known,
By ev'ry child before he's grown,
But evil darts by Satan thrown,
Will make a man his God disown. ~CGP

Beware of whispers that prod you to disobey God. They are really the *"fiery darts"* hurled into your soul in an effort to ignite lust, *"but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry."* Anything more important to you than obedience to God's Word IS AN IDOL! If you do not shield yourself with faith and obedience, you'll go from burning desire to burning hell! The *"way of escape"* is obedience to God's Word!

"This Book of the Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8 KJV