

*"Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with **The Inhabitants Of The Land** whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:" Exodus 34:12 KJV*



How many times have you followed worldly wisdom and rejected the Truth of God's Word to accomplish a goal or achieve an end? For example: Worldly wisdom says, if your expenses are exactly equal to your income, you can't afford to tithe (10%) of your earnings, time, and energy. God says, *"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, 'Wherein have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me. Bring ye ALL the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Me now herewith, Saith the LORD of Hosts, if I Will Not Open you the Windows of Heaven, and Pour you out A Blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."* God doesn't need your tithe – He Wants your Faith! Have you dared to prove God? I have and I will tell you, "You can never outgive God!" *"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and ALL these 'things' shall be added unto you."* Most of our trouble comes from our doubt and disobedience of God's Word, but God Is Still With us in the trials! Do you dare to obey God's Word in spite of what your senses tell you? Trusting the unseen above the visible is a courage only True Faith in the Word of God gives. *"Faith Cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."* The "hearing" is not the sound of the words on the eardrum, but the obedience incited by their reception and trust in the heart. Did your Mom ever say, "Did you hear what I said?" She wasn't concerned with your hearing, but with your obedience. You will not know Truth until you trust God's Word above life itself! Why grasp at straw when there's a Rock to hold? Acquiescing to worldly advice and knowledge instead of trusting God's Word is exactly that; trading Eternal Truth for temporal knowledge: gold for wood! *"The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen Are Eternal."* Feeding on Satan's bait will soon snare you in sin's death trap, but there is a way of escape! Forsake and confess your sin to God. *"If we confess our sins, He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive us our sins and To Cleanse us from all unrighteousness. For Thou, Lord, Art Good, And Ready To Forgive; And Plenteous In Mercy Unto all them that call upon Thee. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow Righteousness, Faith, Charity, Peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."* Doing things the world's way makes *"a covenant with the inhabitants of the land."* God instructs us, *"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath Righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?"* If you are a believer and mentally in step and in agreement with worldly wisdom, you are *"unequally yoked."*

To walk the path of death and sin,
Will take you to a fatal end,
By trusting and obeying God,
You'll find great peace upon this sod! –CGP

Popularity ruins more believers than persecution ever could. Are you well-liked? Being flattered? Satan uses "harmless fun" to lure believers to "the point of no return." Beware of worldly "friends" and "harmless fun!"

"Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words." Proverbs 23:4-8 KJV