

***"But They Presumed To Go Up** unto the hill top: nevertheless the Ark of The Covenant of The LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp." **Numbers 14:44 KJV***



When doors of opportunity are shut there's nothing wrong with trying to turn the knob. Gideon asked God twice for confirmation. While this, in itself, presumed upon God, God Tolerated Gideon's lack of confidence and twice confirmed His Word. An unlocked door opens easily, but if not, don't kick the door down! God Often Presents us with choices of opportunity that seem difficult until we make an effort. First, make sure you are not allowing sin to cloud your Faith with covetousness. Ask God for Wisdom. *"If any of you lack Wisdom, let him ask of God, That Giveth to all men Liberally, And Upbraideth Not; and It Shall Be Given him. But let him ask in Faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."* Trust God to Give you Wisdom Through His Word. It will come from nowhere else. Beware of counselors who give you books or advice of men, even if they are Christians. Waiting on God doesn't mean to stop meditation and prayer. In fact, the more important the decision, the more deeply we should encourage our hearts with Truth. *"The steps of a good man are Ordered By The Lord and he delighteth in His Way."* God can't order your steps if you're not walking His Way, and moving ahead without God is presumption, not Faith! Bathe problems with prayer and meditation, do what you can do, and *"be [care-full] for nothing."* (Do I need to say, you can't meditate without reading and study?) Worry is not waiting, it's doubting. God Will Open the doors through which He wants you to walk in His Time, no matter how improbable they may seem. God Brings us into peril to Test our resolve and Faith. Think of the Israelites at the Red Sea with Pharaoh hot behind them! Or Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail, who had plenty of reason to moan in pain and bewail their future. With hands and feet in chains, they did the only thing they could do; they sang praises. When God Joined in, the earth shook and the jail doors fell off, and an entire household found Eternal Life. When you want God close, praise is the Key to the Throne Room of Heaven! *"Enter into His Gates with thanksgiving, and into His Courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name."* When faced with decisions make a list of all the reasons to do it. Then, cross off any reason that denies Truth or God. When at the end of your strength, look for God. He Made the lame leap, the blind see, the lepers clean, the dead rise, the proud ashamed, and a fisherman walk on water. He Finished every atomic detail of the universe in six days and then, Took a day off. Would there be anything in your life that could daunt His Capability? If God Wants you to have it, you will. *"He that Spared Not His Own Son, but Delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not With Him also Freely Give us all things?"* If you presume to live life without God, you'll do it alone!

To think that God will make a way,  
When unbelief doth cloud your faith,  
Presumes upon His love and grace,  
And you will meet with doom and waste. –CGP

When Israel presumed upon God, *"the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah."* Sometimes God only Opens a door once, and then He Shuts it forever. Unbelief shuts many doors through which Faith could have run! Never be afraid to trust God!

*"Thus Saith the LORD the Maker thereof, the LORD That Formed it, to Establish it; The LORD Is His Name; 'Call unto Me, And I Will Answer thee, and Show thee Great And Mighty Things, Which thou knowest not.'" Jeremiah 33:2-3 KJV*