

*“Buy The Truth, And Sell It Not; also Wisdom, and Instruction, and Understanding.” Proverbs 23:23 KJV*

What does it mean to buy? We trade one thing for another. Money is a certificate of labor that can be exchanged. Those who profit off other’s labor do so at another’s expense; essentially, making them slaves. Credit is the worst, because it is a certificate of promised labor! *“Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”* Substance is spent for perceived gain; we trade that we have for that we desire. But how do you purchase the non-substantive? Like Truth?



Jesus gave a similar Command to the self-absorbed Laodicean Church, *“Buy of Me Gold.”* They thought they needed nothing; deceived by their lack of Truth. Truth liberates, is unfettered in its measure of good or evil, and is not a respecter of persons; be they prince or pauper. Truth is pure, perfect, and absolute *“with Whom there is no variableness neither shadow of turning.”* But how do you buy from God? He is Truth, so to buy Truth is to buy God??? First we must determine what is Heaven’s Gold. *“That the trial of your faith, being much MORE PRECIOUS THAN OF GOLD that perisheth.”* Your faith is *“not of yourselves; it is the GIFT of God. Faith cometh by...the Word of God.”* When you’re given a gift, you profit from the labor of another. What is free to you is cost for another. *“Without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please [God]. Behold, [God] desirest Truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part [God] shalt make me to know Wisdom.”* I can please God; give Him what He desires, faith; which is a Gift to me by the Word, Labor, and Love of God! Faith, that is, obeying God, because you believe Him, is the currency of Heaven. Through the Gift of faith from the Word of God, I can actually acquire (buy) God in my life Who then becomes for me Life Eternal. *“Your Life is hid with Christ in God.”* I can give my Gift of faith (loving trusting obedience) obtained from God to God for Truth. The more I obey, the more Truth (God) becomes mine! It seems paradoxical unless you first know God. *“We love Him, because He first Loved us.”* Once received, the Gift of faith is self-replicating and reciprocal.

To buy the Truth with faith I pay,  
For by His Grace through faith I’m saved,  
So by His loss my life I gained,  
And by His Word the Gift obtained. –CGP

Pleasure is a commodity which is desired more than wealth. Many waste fortunes in pursuit of it. But I tell you this: Knowing God is the greatest pleasure of all! For with His Favor come Eternal Pleasures! *“Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”* Even those who walk closest to God can only imagine the Pleasures of an eternity with God! Those given the Gift of Faith gladly exchange it for Life Everlasting!

*“Thou wilt shew me the Path of Life: in Thy Presence is fulness of Joy; at Thy Right Hand there are Pleasures for evermore.” Psalms 16:11 KJV*