

"Let us [Lift Up Our Heart With Our Hands](#) unto God in the Heavens."
Lamentations 3:41 KJV



We're instructed to "lift up our hearts with our hands unto God," rather than with our lips or our worship. "Our hands" represent deeds. Action demonstrates the heart. "As he thinketh in his heart, so IS he." You can talk all you want about loving God, but until life matches locution, we are but frauds. Jesus took note of such: "This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me."

True Christians practice what they preach; deeds demonstrate faith. None doubted David Livingston's, Hudson Taylor's, or Charles Spurgeon's heart. This is not to say we're sinless. You can't live in a wicked world in a carnal body without temptation, but the end of your conversation reveals your heart. "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose Faith follow, considering the end of their conversation." You may sing in the choir, teach Sunday school, usher, or play the piano on Sunday, but do people see the same person on Monday? What is hidden on Sunday? Could you do the things you do at home in Church? Do you anticipate the Assembly or do you have to "psyche yourself up?" Is the first thought of each day to seek God, or is the day's schedule already in every thought? God doesn't want your SPARE time; He wants the firstfruits of your time, money, possessions, passions, and attention. If you give Him what's rightfully His, you'll reap Bounty you never dreamed possible! "Bring ye ALL the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine House, 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. And I Will Rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field,' Saith the LORD of Hosts." God Deserves ALL His Tithes!

Let ev'ry action, ev'ry deed,
Your faith in God to others plead,
So that the life all others see,
Uplifts your LORD in purity! –CGP

Maybe your life is in the dumper, because you're not pursuing God with your whole heart. Your heart's affection is divided between lust and faith. "A friend of the world is the enemy of God." A heart divided is a wicked one! You cannot manage your heart alone! You must come as you are and plead God's Mercy and Forgiveness if you ever hope to possess a fulfilled life. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which Leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find it." Our own way is the hell-way!

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My Sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the Glory of His Father with His angels; and then He Shall Reward every man according to his works." Matthew 16:25-27 KJV