

*"And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness." Romans 4:21-22 KJV*



If you are *ōfully persuadedö* of something, it will affect your actions. A loaded gun, a smile, a clenched fist, or a bomb blast can all *ōfully persuadeö* immediate action. Memory of past punishment persuades current compliance. Memory of a past pleasure persuades present participation. God's commandments are His Blessings. They lead us to His provision. God blessed Adam and Eve. *ōAnd God blessed them, and God said unto them, -Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.ö* Adam required nothing but obedience for his provision. When he disobeyed, he was exiled from Eden. If we obey God's Word, His Blessings, we will receive His provision and it will persuade our future trust and obedience. You won't know the chair will hold until you sit in it. We trust chairs we've never sat in, because they are constructed from the same familiar pattern and substances. The more you trust and obey, the more automatic it becomes. When trust becomes habit, you are *ōfully persuaded.ö* It doesn't happen overnight. Repeated obedience blossoms trust into habit. Friends are friends, because they have been repeatedly trustworthy. Friendships sever when trust is perceived broken. Rifts are often caused by PERCEIVED violations of trust. Believers must be ever ready to forgive and reconcile as Christ forgave and reconciled us to Himself. He did the work of reconciling, and so must we in the area of perceived wrongs. We pray, *ōForgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.ö* Have you sinned today? Did you yesterday? Will you tomorrow? Then, as you will need God's forgiveness, you must readily give it to those who sin against you. We must make the first gracious move towards someone who PERCEIVES we have wronged them, whether we have or not. *ōWe love Him, because He first loved us.ö* If you are *ōfully persuadedö* of your own wretchedness and Christ's love and forgiveness, there will be no hesitation. *ōBy this shall all men know that ye are my disciples; that ye have love, one for another.ö* We merit no mercy from God, but it is graciously extended again and again. *ōIf we confess our sins, HE IS FAITHFUL and just TO FORGIVE us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.ö* It is not offered on the premise of acceptance, but it is always freely extended. God alone knows the heart of man and his future decisions. We have no such foresight when we offer reconciliation. Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive his brother and Jesus said, *ōseventy times seven.ö* Seven is the number of completion, for God rested on the seventh day from His work of Creation. Jesus was teaching Peter that he should completely forgive.

Convinced that Jesus loves me so,  
And that His Truth will guide below,  
Persuaded fully and I know,  
He'll watch and keep where ere I go. ~CGP

Do your actions persuade others that your faith is real? Perhaps, if your walk matched your talk, others would be persuaded to follow Christ, also.

*"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that HE IS ABLE to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." 2 Timothy 1:12 KJV*