

“But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the Truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.” 2 Corinthians 4:2 KJV



Many things in our lives remain hidden from even spouses and friends. Thoughts and secrets that would cause consternation and chagrin if others knew seem to cause us no great concern with God. Is it perhaps we don't really think of Jesus as a friend or God as all-knowing? We entertain thoughts of hate, revenge, and worldliness with little thought of Truth, truly revealing the attitude of our hearts towards God who sustains our existence and purchased eternal bliss with His own death! *“Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, I will repay! Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”* We've no compunction parading sin before God who records and will judge our every word and deed, as if we expect no repercussions, even though God's Word clearly states, *“Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap!”* With little concern that the fault is our own, we cry to God for help and He still graciously comforts and forgives! Confession comes before cleansing! We've not repented of the sin which troubles us until we confess AND forsake it. If you don't forsake your sin, you never repented! Denial of the *“hidden things of dishonesty”* brings the reaping which destroys the Joy and Peace brought by the Voice of Truth in our thoughts. *“If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another.”* Walking in the Light is putting on (obeying God's Word), *“the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. Whatsoever things are true...honest...just...pure...lovely, [and] of good report; IF there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory (pride); but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things (needs), but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who...humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”* What we ponder determines our character and consequences. *“As he thinketh in his heart, so is he!”* You are what you think, because your thoughts dictate your deeds. God's Word is clear, *“This Book of The Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth (speech); but thou shalt MEDITATE THEREIN DAY AND NIGHT, that thou mayest OBSERVE TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN THEREIN: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”* Good Success is defined as being rained on, but not carried away by the flood! We all get wet, but we are not ALL swept away! *“For He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain ON THE JUST AND ON THE UNJUST.”* True believers will see God!

The secrets of the inner man,
Determine who I really am,
They are not judged by earth or man,
But by the LORD, the great I AM. -CGP

We deceive ourselves into disregarding sin with *“the hidden things of dishonesty”* which brings sorrow to our souls and filthiness to our faith!

“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 3:16 KJV