

*"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:1-2 KJV*

We joke, "Shop 'til you drop." but the truth is, prosperity has polluted the USA. We are the most obese nation on the planet. We are "consumers" to the rest of the world. We spend billions of dollars every day on goods and useless entertainment. If you don't believe me, I challenge you to name one "star" who hasn't made millions. Movies are a flop if they gross under a million. It takes more millions to produce them. Why can they do this? People have set their affections on wasting commodities. We pay people to rob us of our ability to think. We buy, buy, buy, as if there is no tomorrow. We live to be entertained, be it sports, sex, or media. TV is 30% or more pure advertising. The "news" is so biased a 3rd grader can figure it out. The bottom line for all broadcasting is \$money\$. If a show doesn't "sell," it's cancelled. If a news item has no market value, it isn't reported. It's not all the news that happens, but it's all that is broadcast. Our society revolves around filthy lucre. Believers are bombarded on all fronts by commercialism and immorality. Movies and TV shows promote crime, homosexuality, adultery, and sorcery. One of the advertising points of satellite TV is, "We have more Sex and drugs are the most lucrative trades we have in this "One Nation Under God." Satan knows prosperity will "kill" more Christians than persecution ever could. He dangles shiny baubles, and like greedy infants we grab for them. He knows that most believers spend less than an hour a day with God. He counts on it. I challenge you to compare the amount of time you spend with the TV or social media to the time you spend communicating with God. I think you already know the answer! How can we expect to avoid temptation if we spend hours saturating our minds with the world, and only minutes with the Word of God and prayer? How can you expect your affections not to be affected by what you spend your time doing? *"As he thinketh...so is he!"* Two or three hours of church every week isn't the answer. Walking with God has to be as natural as breathing if we ever hope to conquer the evil on our doorstep!



We cannot ever hope to have,  
A walk with Jesus if our path,  
Is always turned away from Him,  
And all our time is filled with sin. -CGP

If your faith is weak it's because you are a spiritual couch potato! *"faith cometh by...the Word of God. Without faith it is impossible to please Him."* When is the last time you committed a verse of Scripture to memory? Asked for wisdom concerning buying groceries? Complained about red lights and slow traffic interfering with YOUR schedule when God was protecting you from an accident? Read the Word of God? Shared the Gospel with an unbeliever? Spent a day with God's Word in your thoughts? *"Let this mind (God's Word) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."* How can we expect our minds to be clean when we let the world use them for trash dumps? Jesus said, *"Now ye are clean through the Word I have spoken unto you."* Without God's Word in our thoughts, we have a dirty mind!

*"Keep thy heart (mind) with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23 KJV*