

"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus." Philemon 1:6 KJV



Hammers do no good used improperly or lying in the toolbox. You may say or think you believe with all your heart, but if there are no deeds to support it, your “faith” is worthless. *“Faith, if it hath not works (deeds), is dead!”* Deeds verify words. Deeds either convince men to trust God, or that faith is a lie. Satan’s best arguments, sad to say, are the lives of many professing believers who dress, talk, and act like the world, who will never convince anyone God is real! To be “*effectual*,” faith must be evidenced by obedience to God’s Word. Don’t pray for God to reveal His will to you, He already has! READ YOUR BIBLE! Truth is acknowledged with obedience. Otherwise, it is simply lies. We abhor politicians who promise one thing and do another. If you profess what your deeds deny, you are a “LIAR!” There is no middle ground with God! *“Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.”* Paul was pleading with Philemon to demonstrate the faith he had professed with difficult deeds. He was to go against the usual treatment of runaway slaves and accept Onesimus back not only kindly, but as a brother in Christ. Christ has forgiven true believers, and so they ought also to forgive those who ask their forgiveness. *“Love one another as I have loved you.”* Do you “practice what you preach?” *“Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.”* Liberty isn’t liberty if it harms another. *“I can do all things through Christ,”* and I can do without the same way. If made aware your deeds are perceived as wrong, continuing may cause a fellow believer to condone evil and destroy their faith!

To show the world that God is real,
My deeds must not my faith conceal,
My faithful works must Truth reveal,
That God will cleanse, forgive, and heal. -CGP

“Let your LIGHT (Gods Word) so shine before men that they may see your good works (obedience) and glorify your Father.” Your obedience is not for your honor, but God’s! Faith is the hammer that fixes the nail of Truth in men’s souls! God draws the attention of all men. He is either the object of their abject denial, the subject of their derision, or, for a few, their eternal Life and Love! God is every man’s soul-mate, but many will never find Him, because soul-blinding unbelief forever damns! Have you ever heard, “I just can’t believe that!” after witnessing something firsthand? Belief is a personal CHOICE and even when something is known, many deny absolute Truth! Lies are more comforting than Truth, but Truth will never lead you astray! If believers lift up the Saviour before men with their faithful obedience to and proclamation of God’s Word, His Word will do the drawing! *“Faith cometh by...the Word of God.”* Proclaiming the Crucified Christ with all the ramifications thereof will save those that believe! Shortly before His crucifixion this happened;

“[Jesus said,] Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name.’ Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, ‘I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.’ The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, ‘An angel spake to Him.’ Jesus answered and said, ‘This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, IF I BE LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME. This He said, signifying what death He should die.” John 12:27-33 KJV