

“Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.” *Hebrews 4:11 KJV*



Daily discipleship with Christ is never easy. In fact, we are enjoined to seek the “yoke” of Christ. “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden (with sin), and I will give you rest. Take MY YOKE upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart: And ye shall find rest unto your souls. For MY YOKE is easy, and my burden is light.” Yokes are instruments of labor which enable different animals to work

together in harmony. The yoke of Christ is His love for us and our love for Him! Paul wrote, “The Love of Christ constraineth (binds) me. Delight thyself also in the Lord and He will give thee (be) the desires of thine heart. If we walk in the light (obey God’s Word) as He is in the Light, we have fellowship.” Rest is found in the fellowship of the ‘yoke [of] walking in the Light;’ trusting obedience to God’s Word. Sin and foolishness will burden us with guilt, despair, consequences, and lack of provision. God’s Word is His Blessing upon our lives – the “easy yoke” into which we must “labour...to enter!” It is not so hard getting into God’s yoke as it is getting out of the yoke of carnal desire. “Thy Word is Truth! The Truth will MAKE you free!” If our labor is “walking in the Light,” the lusts of the flesh will fade as our thoughts focus on God’s Word through meditation and prayer. Most believe we must be alone to pray and meditate, but God is omnipresent and we are with Him anywhere; a labor intensive job, a busy subway station, a shopping mall, a noisy downtown sidewalk, a bustling office, a sick bed, a funeral home, or a busy highway! Gods Word speaks in our thoughts which are with us no matter what. The focus of thought is a choice. We either let things distract us, or we do not. In modern lingo it’s called, “multitasking,” but in the believer’s case it’s singleness of purpose. Work with melody in your heart; whistle while you work; “singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord!” Lovers need no incentive to be in each other’s thoughts. Their purpose is to be together whenever and wherever possible! The soul/mind is where our labor takes place, where a daily myriad of “fiery darts” tempt us. We cannot withstand evil’s tempest without the Castle of God’s Word in our thoughts for shelter! We can no more keep evil from thought or “abstain from all appearance of evil” without God’s Word, than we can live in sub-zero climes without warmth! Wisdom retreats into the Castle of God’s Blessings while foolishness remains self-confidently in harm’s way, oblivious to danger! Only God’s Word withstands “all the fiery darts of the wicked” and the “roaring lion (Satan) that seeketh whom he may devour!” Without protection, even warriors become casualties!

Striving daily against our sin,  
So we may, God’s rest, enter in,  
Is only wrought through Holy Word,  
All else is foolish and absurd! ~CGP

You’ll either yoke with righteousness or sin! “No man can serve two masters!” Life will reveal your choice!

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP. For he that soweth to his flesh (pursues carnal pleasure) shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit (obeys God) shall of the Spirit reap Life Everlasting.” *Galatians 6:7-8 KJV*