

"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the Truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." 1 Peter 1:22No3 KJV

Faithfully follow Truth: Someone may be following you! We profess Christianity with our mouths, but do our deeds verify it or are we merely maintaining status quo? Do we truly strive to know God and "the power of His resurrection?" The resurrection of our spirit is present tense. The sanctification, purification, or setting apart of our heart and soul is only accomplished through our obedience of Truth. Truth will only set you free if you



believe and obey it. The Holy Spirit is the Voice of Truth in our thoughts as we read and meditate daily in the Word of God. He was sent to "guide you into all Truth." Satan desperately wants to portray the bondage of sin as "desirable and fun." He decorates the stocks and bonds of destruction with the pretty baubles of "feel-good and fun," but no matter how lovely the glitter and velvety the feel of shackles of sin, you are still its prisoner! Once you've heard, understood, AND obeyed the Truth, you've been released from bondage. Satan tries to lure you back into the dungeon with pretty lights and sounds. He uses the laughter of the fettered to foster unbelief, disobedience, in your soul. Food is one of believer's worst temptations. Did it ever dawn on you that appetite is a fleshly lust? It's how Satan worms his way into your thoughts. He knows that your flesh is still fettered to sin making it hard to resist. I mean, what's wrong with food? More than is necessary is sin! The same applies to all bodily needs. Once you have God's word firmly established in your mind and experienced the true liberty obedience to it brings, you will know every lie, no matter how carefully wrapped in Truth. Satan's best lies are 99% Truth, but remember; an apple that is only 1% cyanide is still fatal. Paul chided the Church at Galatia for their backsliding. "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the Truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" An apt question that should constantly measure our life in the liberty of Truth. True faith incites obedience, not visa versa. You could save yourself much temptation by just turning off your TV. It's what you think on that determines desire. "Delight thyself also in the LORD (His Word); and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." The shield of faith is only as strong as obedience to Truth. "Casting down imaginations (impulsive thoughts), and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (the Word); And having in a readiness to revenge (punish) all (your own) disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled." Obedience is how you punish disobedience.

The liberty that Truth extends,
Upon obedience depends,
To be complete in liberty,
I must obey the Truth I see. ~CGP

Sin begins in the flesh, festers in the soul, and conquers the spirit. *“If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”* Sin constantly besets, but if we repent and confess, God faithfully forgives. We’re cleansed of sin by the amount of God’s Word we know AND obey. Jesus said, *“Now ye are clean through the Word.”* Paul wrote, *“Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of Water by the Word”* Sin is disobedience, however small, to God’s Word. If you don’t obey, you have neither confessed nor repented of sin!

"If we confess (admit to God) our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 KJV

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