

No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. **1John 3:6**

Store In My Heart Hebrews 11:9-10

By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

The faith of Abraham caused him to leave the comfort of his family home to live the life of a wanderer. Abraham was satisfied with this life for he knew that his position in life was of no real consequence because something greater than he could find here was prepared for eternity.

We would do well to emulate the attitude and faith of Abraham. Too often we get caught in the web of life here on Earth and lose focus on our goal. There is nothing we can gain here that is worth missing Heaven. True faith in God will prompt us to keep looking to His Home, not ours. Let us keep moving closer to God.



What It Leads To

Robert F. Turner

I hate to admit this, but a man once told me he did not like my sermons, and wanted me to change the subject and content of my preaching. I asked him to identify my errors, and he said I was preaching the truth but he was afraid of "what it might lead to." (I was preaching on the work of the church, and congregational independence.) I replied that I realized one might make a "hobby" of truth and "beat to death" a subject (he did not accuse me of this), but that I could not see how TRUTH, properly balanced, could lead to anything but that for which it was given, viz, to make men free from error and sin.

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:31-32

On the other side of the coin, we frequently find timid souls who hibernate in inactivity, and equate doing nothing with soundness in the faith. They may acknowledge that the work proposed is in keeping with the Scriptures, but if it calls for some unaccustomed activity -- a change from the status quo -- they fear "what it might lead to."

Life itself is a movement -- we exist in a state of flux -- and direction is influenced by every facet of life. Change (even in that which is good) will affect attitudes and viewpoints, and could evolve new temptations. But remaining at rest also affects attitudes and viewpoints, and could involve new temptations. The monastic life is no guarantee of sinlessness. It may BE sin in itself.

No man steps twice in the same flowing stream. The stream is moving, and his second step is into water that was yet above him when the first step was taken. We may begin to do something in good faith, and with ample authority; and find later that circumstances are now such as to make the continuation of our work wrong. It takes a good man to face this, and let divine authority, rather than his own traditions, guide his life. Many will let tradition overrule the application of God's Word to his life. But fear of what may happen (when no Scriptural principle is violated, nor Scriptural warning ignored) Makes for "False Soundness."

Truth never "leads to" error, and right is not the father of wrong. This is the point of **James 1:13-18** and **1John 3:6ff**. We sin when we quit following God and follow Satan.

Although "times change" and new circumstances constantly arise, we have an unchanging standard, suited to all ages. We are faithful only when we ACT upon its teachings. The church is the "pillar," not the "pillow" of God's truth.

"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

1Timothy 3:15

(Brother Turner's illustration of stepping in water reminded me of another saying that is somewhat related to this topic. *"You cannot cross a creek in two jumps."* This is a reminder that we often do not know what we can accomplish until we fully commit to a purpose. I have known many Christians who, I believe, would be surprised by success if they would just commit to the cause. Yes, there will be times that we overestimate our ability. Then our responsibility is to get up and strengthen our minds in doing what we can. This will exercise our abilities and bring growth that may allow us to accomplish more at a later time. Study Diligently, Read Carefully, Practice Faithfully. DLH)

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5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

For Our Information

Ruben Keisler is recovering nicely after elbow surgery

Physical therapy is helping **Brenda Keisler** with her pain.

JoBeth Henderson has a follow-up appointment on July 21.

Paula Laubach is allergic to parts of the cement holding her artificial knee. The knee surgeon will talk with her next week.

Jody Schimdt (Paula's sister) went to the ER for breathing problems and fluid buildup. Her hemoglobin was low also, but she is in the hospital and improving.

Tommy Robinson should see his doctor again this month.

Sunday @ 5 - **Isaiah 66** Wednesday @ 7 - **Luke 1:8**