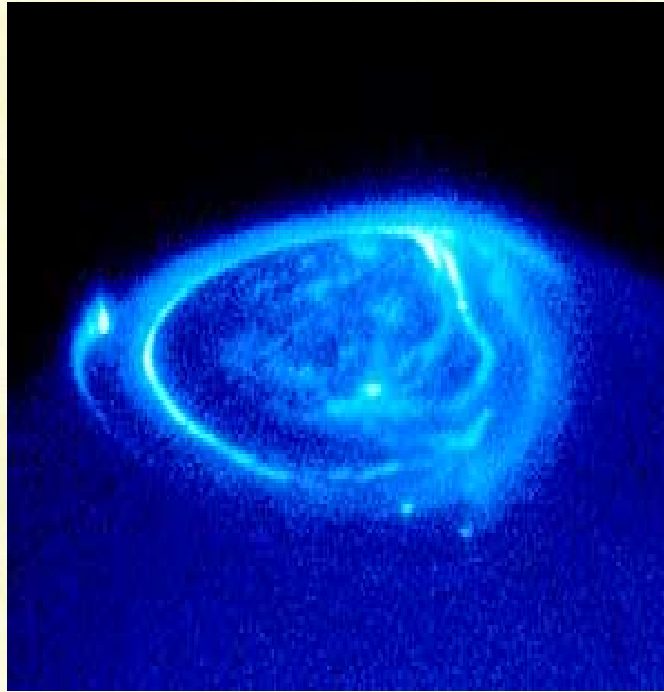


The Missing Cross to Purity



How to Wait on God and Benefit from His Purifying Power

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Waiting On God

**"We go to him, and he rains help on us;
well does this exercise of God purify those who do."**

From the Word of the Lord within.

Grace and truth comes by Jesus Christ, John 1:17, having tasted death for every man, Heb 2:9. Jesus made the heart and soul purifying grace of God available to anyone, but we must access that powerful grace by going to God to receive his teachings, convictions, and powerful removal of sin from our hearts. We access the power of God through grace by waiting on Him. Salvation, which is to be freed from all sin, comes to those who wait on Him.

Without the power of God working **in** you, there is no victory, there is no overcoming. There are three sources to the power of God being released to purify you: 1) power in the true hope and gospel, 2) power in the inward cross of self denial, and 3) the power in the name of Jesus. This **power of God works in us**, and keeps us through faith to salvation, which is to be delivered from sin. Christendom is without the cross of Christ, without the true hope, and so without the power of God, with only a form (hollow shell) of the original Christianity, without the new life of the new creature, without holiness, wallowing in sin, boasting of their imperfection, perishing, whose end is destruction. For without the power of God released to change a man,

his heart remains full of sin and unacceptable to God, whatever his lips may say in the form of worship. The power of God, the inward cross of self-denial, begins by waiting on the Lord, with the hope of the gospel: freedom from sin, entering the kingdom of God while on earth, and union with Christ and God.

To wait on Him is to persistently sit in humble silence, listen for his voice and words, watch for his revelations, hear his commands, and then obey Him. Waiting on God is referenced throughout the Bible, both in the Old Testament and New Testament. *Waiting on God* is the way the early Quakers and those in the early church realized the promises of the true gospel: to be released from the bondage of sin, to enter the kingdom of God, and to be in union with Christ and God.

Below are a few of the many scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments that speak to the benefit of waiting:

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, **in proportion to our waiting and hoping on you.** Ps 33:22

Wait on the LORD! Be of good courage and **let your heart be confident!**

Wait, I say, on the LORD! Psa 27:14

But **those who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength;** they shall mount up with wings like eagles. Isaiah 40:31

Blessed is the man who **hears me, watching daily at my gate, waiting at the posts of my doors.**

For whoever finds me, finds life; and he shall obtain favor of the LORD. Prov 8:34-35

Lo, this is our God; **we have waited for him, and he will save us.** This is the LORD;

we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Isa 25:9

Truly my soul silently **waits** upon God; from him comes my salvation. Psalm 62:1

...those who wait upon the LORD shall inherit the earth.
Psa 37:9

Therefore return to your God; keep mercy and justice and **wait on your God continually.** Hosea 12:6

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. Lam 3:25

Note! to *wait for him* is to seek him. Reading the Bible and sect services are not seeking God.

For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by ear,
nor has the eye seen a **God** beside you, **who acts for the one who waits for him.** Isa 64:4

Paul quotes the above scripture in 1 Corinthians:
"Man's eye has not seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined, the things that God has prepared for those who love him." The key difference: Isaiah reads *waits*, 1 Cor 2:9 reads *love*. So to *love* God is to *wait* on Him: we *wait* on Him to hear His words that teach us, convict us, encourage us, and guide us — that is loving God.

To those who persistently and patiently *wait* for him he will appear the second time,

not to bear sin, but **to bring full salvation.** Heb 9:28

Persistent and patient waiting will result in seeing Jesus bring your salvation; what you hear, you must heed and obey to obtain salvation: being made perfect, he [Jesus] became the author and source of eternal salvation to all those **who heed and obey him**, Heb 5:9; it is by grace that you are taught and changed to become pure. Tit 2:11-14. But if we hope for **what we do not yet see, then we wait for it [salvation] with patient endurance**, Rom 8:25; we wait for salvation.

To wait on God gives access to the power of the Spirit that will destroy the sinful nature within us by our obedience to the inward cross of self-denial. To wait on God is how to respond to Jesus telling us, "come to me," said many times throughout the scriptures. Click to see them all, below are several:

Whoever **comes** to Me and **listens** to My spoken words **and does** [practices, obeys] **them**, I will show you what he is like:

He is like a man who built a house, and dug and laid the foundation securely upon the **rock**;

and when the flood arose, the torrent beat violently upon that house, but could not shake,

because it was founded on a **rock**.

But the person **who merely hears and does not put My words into practice, (obey)**,

is like a man who built a house upon the ground without a foundation,

against which the torrent struck violently, and immediately it collapsed; and fell, and the **ruin** of that house was great. Luke 6:46-

Come to me, .. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me.

Mat 11:28-29

Allow the little children to **come to Me**, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God. Luke 18:16

We must go to him like little children, in trust, with humility; with faith to silently listen, and faith to obey what we hear.

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luk 18:14

Jesus replied, **I am the Bread of Life.** He **who comes to Me** will never be hungry, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. John 6:35

Jesus said: Do not labor for food that perishes, but for the food that endures to everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give to you. I am the bread of life... **the living bread that comes down from heaven.** For it is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. **The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life-giving.** John 6:27,48,51,63

All whom My Father gives to Me **shall come to Me**; and he **who comes to Me**, I will never cast out. John 6:37

No one is able to **come to Me** unless the Father, who has sent Me draws him and gives him the hunger to **come to Me**, and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:44

Now on the last day, that great day of the Feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying,

"If any man thirsts, let him **come to me**, and drink. John 7:37

Jesus told us that to sit at his feet and hear his word was: 1) the good part, 2) **the one thing needed**, and 3) what would not be taken away:

he entered into a certain village, and a woman named Martha received him into her house.

And she had a sister called **Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard his word.**

Now Martha was distracted with much serving, and so she came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her that she should help me."

But Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things.

There is only one thing needed. Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:38-42

Surely he loves the people; **all your holy ones** are in your power. And they **sit at your feet, each receiving your words.** Deu 33:3

The *good part* and *one thing needed*, (**to sit at the feet of Jesus and hear his word**), is *not taken away*. Her sitting and listening to God, is a work of love for God; and those works will survive passing through the fire that everyone must endure.

From the Word of the Lord within:

- **"We go to him, and he rains help on us; well does this exercise of God purify those who do.**
- God is not found going to services or reading about him.
- Listen to my voice, and I will be your shepherd. *Hear* the word of the Lord from within.

- Blessed are they who hear the word of God and obey.
- Be slow to speak, quick to listen.
- Wait, expose yourself to His commands, and hear.
- To hear and obey is hard.
- **Only those who want to be clean can hear.**
- To hear Him, man must decide how he wants to live: a slave to his passions and anger, or free.
- Getting quiet is preparation. Think on His name.
- Ears must *hear* — - Faith within purifies. What's going to happen, you might hear.
- Believe you are *hearing* the Son of God.
- Waiting on God is essential.
- When you sit and wait, hope for purity, hope for change.
- I will show you the secret sins of your heart.
- The words I speak to you impart life. It is the Spirit who gives life, nothing else.
- Hope releases the power of God to change you. We are saved by hope.
- We live by the restoration of hope.
- The Spirit makes a man holy.
- Salvation comes to those who heed and obey.
- Salvation comes to those who wait.
- Those who sit at the feet of Christ to hear his word — their ground is to wait.
- If we go to him and wait on him, he comes.
- We need to get quiet and ready to listen.
- In humble silence we sit and wait.
- Patiently we wait in humble silence.
- Patiently and assiduously we wait.
- Listen carefully to my commands.
- Everyone must submit to waiting on God, waiting in humility.
- We wait for the inward experience.
- Wait for, hope for, the Lord.

- Let Your mercy be in proportion to our waiting and hoping on You.
- When waiting, even if you do not hear for some time, it will be to your benefit; know that He is at work deep inside of you.
- Wait on God at every opportunity; make the most of every opportunity.
- For every generation of the earth, how one spends their time has now been defined.
- Without our promises the soul is grieved; with them, the soul settles down to a vigilant **tribute** to the Lord."

(The definition of a **tribute** is: something that you do, say, or build to show that you respect and admire.

God is telling us that by vigilance (waiting on God), we are showing our respect and admiration for Him.)

We go to God, we wait on God, we listen for God, we watch for God, we hope to hear him, when we hear him, we obey him; we are centered on God alone. We depend on the grace of God alone, but we must expose ourselves to his commands by waiting on Him. This is not a Do-It-Yourself religion or meditation. To sit in silence while we wait, listening and watching for God's teachings, radically differs from meditations, in which you are to ignore all thoughts and all voices, without a hint of **required obedience** to what you hear. A well trained, advanced-level meditator of Eastern religions will not be moved no matter how loud the voice in his head, or even if a form of Jesus appears. Nothing distracts them from their directed concentration. **They even have an expression to emphasize the need to ignore all voices and visions, "If you meet Buddha on the Path, slay him."** They believe that any image or voice is not *the Truth*, and therefore to be regarded as a distraction; however, intricate, profound, and wonderful, it is regarded as nothing more than an arising image from one's own mind or the collective consciousness. **But unless you obey** the convictions and complete commands to repent that you hear and understand, **there is no spiritual progress**. With your obedience to convicting commands and understandings received that require you to repent, you are forgiven for past

offences; and you will receive power from God that will eventually remove all interest and desire to repeat that sin. We wait on God, eager to learn, hear, and obey what we need to change in order to be further cleansed of sin, thus closer to salvation.

Obedience is the cross; obedience is to deny your own will and obey the will of God as he commands us. And the reward for which we strive is not only release from the bondage of sin to have peace, joy, and righteousness in the Kingdom of Heaven while still on earth, but after purification: union with God and Christ; to be in fellowship with Christ, the Father, the angels, and the spirits of men and women past made perfect; fellowship in the Spirit with fellow believers; and **each** of us having an office and function in the Body of Christ and His government on the earth for the rest of our lives here. The Holy Spirit or Comforter or Spirit of Truth will teach you about sin and righteousness, guide you into all truth, and teach you all things — if you wait on God in humble silence, while listening, watching, hearing his spoken words, and obeying his commands.

If I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send him to you.

And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong [reprove all men] concerning sin, and concerning righteousness, and concerning judgment.

Of sin, because they do not believe in me.

Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and you see me no more.

Of judgment, because the ruler of this world [in every man] has been condemned. John 16:7-11

However when the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you into all truth.**

For he shall not speak of himself, but he shall only speak what he hears; and he will show you things to come. John 16:13-14

But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit and whom the Father will send in
my name,
will teach you all things. John 14:26

By grace the Spirit will:

- Teach you to deny ungodliness and the lusts of the world, while showing you the secret sins in your heart.
- Teach you how to live godly, soberly, and righteously in this present world.
- With your repentance to the sins he sets before you, He then removes even the desire for that sin from your heart.
- With persistence and patience to the end, He redeems you and purifies you, making you a fit instrument for his hand to show the love and power of God to the world, through his energized and directed works that you joyfully perform in loving obedience.

From the Word of the Lord within: "The Spirit of Grace both charges and removes, just like Jesus said 'repent,' and also healed. I stand with those freed from sin. Those who belong to Christ are through with sin."

Why Seek God, by Waiting on Him, to Hear Him, and Obey Him?

Jesus told us to make seeking the Kingdom of God and the righteousness of God our life's first priority. Mat 6:33. The rewards of seeking God include:

- to be led into all truth,
- to be freed from even the desire to sin,
- to attain union with Christ and God,
- to be translated into His kingdom while still alive on the earth and be there forever,
- to hear God speak to us with His wisdom, which is more precious than

silver.

- with resulting purity to see your savior God,
- to then have fellowship with the Father and Jesus, with the Spirits of men past made perfect, and with other saints in the kingdom.
- so that when completed, in true righteousness all our words and deeds are all prompted by God and thus always virtuous,
- so that when completed, our works as ordered by God will show the power and love of God to the world, which will be to His honor and glory and to our supreme joy
- so that when completed, to know all things, including, as the Word of the Lord within said: "to understand this place we live in."
- **Peace** — the mind is quiet, permanently quiet. There is eternal confidence, no doubt, no fear, no ups and down.
- **Joy** — As Stephen Crisp, who dwelled in the kingdom, wrote, "**in one day under the government of Christ, (in the kingdom), one has more joy, pleasure, and delight than a thousand days outside it.**"

From the Word of the Lord within: "There will be weeping and gnashing outside those who obeyed the Lord."

The Inward Faith

In no way do we diminish Christ's physical life and sacrifice, which made purity and union with Him possible; the benefits of His earthly life are detailed in [Why Light?](#) A common fear among people of the deficit sects is that any looking inward is trying to make ourselves a pantheistic God: looking inward, rather than looking outward to God. However the fear is unfounded. Paul confirms Christ within, whom we seek to hear, see, know, and follow.

Do you not know yourself that Jesus Christ is **in** you? 2 Cor 13:5

Christ **in** you, the hope of glory Col 1:27

I will dwell **in** them, and walk **in** them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 2 Cor 6:16

That Christ may dwell **in your hearts** by faith. Eph 3:17

All things were made by him, and there was nothing made without him. [*him is Jesus*]

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

This man [John] came as a witness to the light, that all men might believe in it [the Light, Christ].

which is **the true Light [Christ] that enlightens every man who comes into the world.** [*Christ is in every man.*]

John 1:3-4,7,9

no man knows who the Son is but the Father, and who the Father is but the Son,

and he to whom the Son chooses to **reveal** him. Luke 10:22

What may be known of God is revealed **in them**; for God has shown it to them. Rom 1:19

The above are just a few of the **many** scripture references extracted from the web page, [The Mystery — Christ in You.](#)

The faith that the Apostles preached was not an *outward faith*, but an *inward faith*. The object of both faiths are the same, but the differences are crucial to realize the promises of God. The two faiths are:

1. to concur with history in the Bible that Jesus was the son of God, born of a virgin, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, etc.; that is outward *Bible-faith*,
2. to hear the Word of God, which word is in your heart to obey — this is

the word of faith that the Apostles preached. Hearing and obeying Jesus speak to you from within your heart is operational faith, *inward faith*, faith given to you by Jesus himself. With persistent obedience to the commands heard from God within your heart, this faith within justifies, purifies, redeems, makes righteous, sanctifies, and saves; to give you peace, joy, and righteousness in union and fellowship with Christ and the Father— this is to see and listen to your beloved, living a holy life that pleases Him.

George Fox wrote of this inward faith and focus necessary:

"The Father is in you all, Christ is in you, and the Kingdom of Heaven is in you; there, in your hearts, is where you will find them all. Know him **there** searching your hearts, and find him **there** trying your minds and hearts; incline your ears, and give ear to him **there**, who will render to everyone of you according to your words and works whether they are good or evil."

Further on Waiting, Watching, and Listening for God

The core message of this web site is from the below two teachings of Jesus:

Whoever **comes to me**, and **listens to my spoken words** and **does [practices, obeys] them**,..

He is like a man who built a house, and dug deep and laid the foundation securely built on a rock. Luke 6:47-8

He can't make it any plainer! He said: come to him, listen to his words, and obey. By doing so, you *receive* Christ.

If a man loves me, he will obey my spoken words; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with

Come, listen, and obey what you hear
(repentance), be loved by the Father, and He and
Jesus then come to you with the Kingdom of Heaven.

There are many scriptures that tell you the value of listening for the Lord's word in your heart to obey; below are a few:

Listen to and obey My voice, and I will be your God and you shall be my people;
and walk completely in the ways that I command you. Jer 7:23

Jesus said: "**There is only one thing needed**, and Mary has **chosen the good part**, which shall not be taken away from her" — **to sit at the feet of Jesus and hear his word.** Luke 10:39-42
To hear his word is to listen to the word of God in your heart. Rom 10:8,17

Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice. John 18:37
My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and **they follow me.** John 10:27

There is a lengthy web page of scriptures that speak of the benefits in listening to God's voice and the awful consequences of not listening and obeying his voice.

And when you hear Him speak to you, you must obey him to progress. (Click to see the many scriptures on obeying him.)

So you can see that hearing his voice and following him (obeying him) is critical to your future — critical to obtaining life: **The words that I speak**

to you are spirit, and they are life-giving. John 6:33. The promises are: if you listen to and obey the Holy Spirit, he will teach you all things, he will guide you into all truth, he will tell you of things to come, and you will know all things.

It is a cross to a man's will to sit silently, struggling to keep his mind from wandering; it is a cross to a man's will to obey what he is commanded and taught by the Holy Spirit; **this is the cross of which you must** deny yourself and pick it up every day to then follow Jesus. To follow is to obey. You cannot be his disciple unless you pick up your cross daily and follow his orders. Salvation is only received by those who follow the lamb wherever he goes — who obey completely the voice of the Lord, in whatever he commands. Do not be discouraged if you don't hear for some time. Even your waiting is to your credit: Let your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, in proportion to our waiting and hoping on you. Psalms 33:22. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by ear, nor has the eye seen a God beside you, who acts for the one who waits for him. Isa 64:4.

From the Word of the Lord within: **"To sit in humble silence, waiting on the Lord, is to bear the cross — instead of thinking how you might please others."** Note, the Lord speaks of *humble silence*. Your silence shows your respect for God and your humility in approaching him; you cannot go to God as you may have been taught by Christendom *with boldness into the throne room presenting your petitions*. You are to be confident of his mercy and grace, yes; but do not go boldly, feeling worthy. Below are scriptures that explain *humble silence* being required.

Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord. Zech 2:13

Truly my soul silently waits upon God; from him comes my salvation. Psa 62:1

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. Hab 2:20

In repentance and rest you are saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. Isa 30:15

The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life-giving. John 6:63

Do not be rash with your mouth, and do not let your heart be hasty to utter anything before God. For God is in heaven, and you are upon the earth; therefore let your words be few. Ecc 5:2

Quotation from George Fox:

"But all of you who are in your own wisdom and in your own reason, you say that silent waiting upon God is a famine to you. It is a strange life to you to come to be silent. You must come into a new world. Now you must die in the silence, die from the wisdom, die from the knowledge, die from the reason, die from the understanding.

So as you come to feel that which brings you to wait upon God, you must die from the other [that resists the silence and feels famished in silence]. It is this [dying in silence] that brings you to feel the power of an endless life, and you come to possess it; in silent waiting upon God you come to receive the wisdom from the above by which all things were made and created, and it gives an understanding and reason that is clearly different from that of the earthly man. This life of God in you is what brings you to wait upon God—and to know God is eternal life. To you this is the word of the Lord God."

For more understanding on the necessity of learning in silence, see: **George Fox's outstanding Biblical justification and requirement Why Silence?**

Jesus came so he could destroy the devil and his works, sin, in us — if we go to him.

For this purpose the Son of God is revealed [in us], that he might destroy [in us] the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

So wait, watch, listen, hear, obey....wait, watch, listen, hear, obey..... seek, listen, obey. Persevere, and Christ will lead you through repentance to union and the Kingdom of Heaven.

He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek him! Heb 11:6

(Diligence is defined as: continually attending to and striving to achieve a goal; laboring; persevering.)

My sheep **hear my voice**, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27

Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. James 1:21.

The words you hear impart the life of God to you, as they are engrafted into your heart, forming Christ within you, until He is finally formed and resurrected in you.

"If those who hear will obey, their progress will be swift." Word of the Lord within.

How could *waiting on God* have been lost to Christianity? Just like purity, perfection, holiness, cleanliness, sin, mortifying the sins in your body, crucifying the sinful nature, righteousness, faith, grace, etc., were all lost by Christianity. *Waiting* became *waiting to have your prayers answered* and *waiting for a one time **physical** appearance of Jesus* to judge the entire earth. Yet the New Testament is full of references to the second appearance of Jesus being *then*, not thousands of years later. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus is recorded saying that some **then** standing with him, 2000 years ago, would see his glorious *coming in the clouds* with the Kingdom

before they died. In addition Paul, Jesus preaching, Jesus in Revelation, Peter, James, and John, — all said, *soon*, the time is *near*, a *little while*, he *stands at the door*. Christendom blithely ignores this gaping incongruity between what the Bible plainly states vs. what they are taught by their blind guides. His appearance is in the hearts of individual believers who have purified themselves in order to see Him. 1 John 3:2-3. It would be a cruel hoax to be waiting on Him to appear, if the past 100 generations of believers actually had no hope of ever seeing Him.

Peter even tells us that **we can hasten the day of Christ: While waiting for and hastening the day of Christ.** 2 Pet 3:12. The fact that we can hasten the day of Christ, proves that His coming is a personal experience; and **we hasten His coming by spending as much time as possible waiting on God.** (There is an entire web page on this site devoted to this second appearance: [The Second Appearance of Jesus is Within the Hearts of Purified Believers.](#))

Each message or revelation that we receive builds our faith, which motivates us to spend more time waiting on God. The miraculous, gradual release from sin also motivates us to spend more time waiting on Him. When we continue in his teachings, word, and light, our sinful nature is crucified with His following promises realized:

- I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man abides in me, and I in him, he produces much fruit; for without me you can do nothing...By your producing of much fruit, **my Father is honored and glorified, and you show that you are truly my disciples** [true followers]. John 15:4,8

This is the opportunity of your lifetime, **to give honor and glory to the Father by producing fruit.** The fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace** (quietness and confident trust forever), **patience** (including

longsuffering, steadfastness, and perseverance), **kindness** (including morality and integrity), **goodness**, **faithfulness**, **gentleness** (including meekness and humility), and **self-control** (mastery of sensual appetites, passions, and desires). **Against these there is no law.** Gal 5:22-24. When you have produced the fruit of the spirit, you walk in obedient love to the prompting of God, fulfilling the law; and you belong to Christ.

- If you continue in my word, **then you are truly my disciples**; And [then] you shall know the truth, and **the truth shall make you free.**" John 8:31-32

If you continue to wait, watch, and listen to Jesus, who is the word and light within your heart, you are a true disciple, who will produce the fruit of the Spirit, and who will be guided into all truth, and then will have become free of all sin.

Jesus said, Then shall the righteous shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let **him who has ears be listening**, and let him **contemplate, discern, and understand by hearing.** Mat 13:43.

The following extract of letters from the early Quaker notable, William Dewsbury, is an outstanding description of the workings of the Spirit to teach, convict, and lead to salvation, while waiting on the Lord in silence; he particularly relates the process in precise scriptural language:

All people who desire to know the living God, let the time past suffice in which you have followed men who have deceived you, and cease from them; and turn to the true Prophet, whom Moses the servant of the Lord declared, the Lord God would raise up, Deut 18:15, his elect and chosen servant, to raise up the tribe of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel; whom he has also given for a Light to the Gentiles, and to be his salvation to the

ends of the earth. Whom Isaiah the prophet also declared, the Lord would raise up, to open the fountain of life and salvation to all that thirst, Isa 55:1-3, and is now witnessed by all that hearken to his counsel, who calls, 'Ho!' to every one that thirsts, 'come you to the waters, and he that has no money, come you buy and eat, yes, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfies not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness: incline your ear and come unto me; hear, and your souls shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.' " All people, look no longer forth; **the glad tidings of the gospel of eternal salvation is heard within**, in this day of the Lord's mercies, in which he is teaching his people himself, as was declared by the prophet Isaiah 54:13, and is now witnessed by all the children of light, whose minds are turned within to **wait on the Lord for his teaching**, to establish them in the covenant of life and peace, who is performing his promise, which he declared by his servant the prophet Jeremiah to all that wait on him; namely, 'This shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel, in those days, said the Lord; I will put my law into their hearts, and write it in their inward parts, and will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people; and they shall no more teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord, for they shall all know me from the least of them unto the greatest of them, said the Lord; for I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities I will remember no more.'

Therefore, everyone that desires to know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent, **turn your minds within**, and examine your hearts, search and try your ways with the light that

Christ Jesus has enlightened you withal, that shows you in your hearts what is sin, that pride and covetousness, lying and swearing, dissimulation and cheating, vain and idle communications, foolish jesting and unbelief, are sins. These things you know to be sins in your own consciences, by the righteous law of God in the heart, that reproves you for them in secret. There is your teacher, the Spirit of the Lord within you; which, in this mighty day of his power, he is pouring upon all flesh, according to his promise declared by the prophet Joel 2:28-29, and is now witnessed by his sons and by his daughters, who walk in the light, and are led and guided by his Spirit within them, which keeps the conscience void of offence towards God and towards man. "Hearken, everyone, diligently to the counsel of the Lord, the light that witnesses for God in the conscience; give up to be guided by it; then you will need no more to be taught of men, neither shall your teacher be removed into a corner any more; but your eye shall see your teacher, and 'your ear shall hear a voice behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand or to the left,' as was declared by the prophet, Isaiah 30:20-21, which is now witnessed :— and that is the living word of God within you, which has raised desires in you towards God. Everyone in whom such desires are raised, wait in the light and power within, which has raised the desires; and the Lord will then strengthen you, and give you power to wait on him in the way of his judgments, until the carnal, earthly, sensual mind, which has led you to delight in lusts and pleasures, and in created enjoyments, below God, is cut down and slain by the word of God within which is a sharp and two-edged sword, to slay down the first man, which is of the earth, earthy; and then will you come to witness a being 'the slain of the Lord.' The sentence of death will be passed upon the first man that has led you from God, and on all the strength, wisdom, and righteousness you had in him; and in the power of the Spirit,

you will be brought, in the true sense of the poverty of your spirits, to hunger and thirst after the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, to prize and love him, and to judge and deny self with his light, and in it to **wait for his power to guide you in every word and work.**"

William Dewsbury

The Environment for Success

You must return to your first love, the way you felt when you were first touched by the Lord — on fire. Kindle that fire again. Seek with all your heart. Hate your evil thoughts, profane words, and slavery to your pleasures; they are your enemies. In the beginning you can't *totally* stop your mind from sinning for your mind is carnal and the carnal mind is enmity with God, (which mind is destroyed on the cross and replaced with the mind of Christ). In the beginning you can't *totally* control your tongue from sinning, (which total control comes with perfection). However, you can control your feet and hands; and you can learn to control your eyes, by practicing looking away from what tempts you. The fear of God is to turn away from evil. If you don't stop sinning by reaching out with your hands to commit evil, and running to evil with your feet, you are not sincerely seeking God — you have failed to repent from the basics under your control. **Turning from evil as best we can, is prerequisite to sincerely seeking God and his salvation.** Obedience to what you understand, and what you are able, leads to righteousness. If you deliberately sin, when you could have chosen not to, then you are betraying your sincerity in seeking God; and you can expect to receive little to no help, until you show a true turning away from the evil of which you are able by the grace of God that supports your resolve. By your continued obedience to what you know and are able, all desire to sin will eventually be removed from your heart by the Lord's further grace. Dedicate yourself to be rid of your sins once and forever, through the grace of God

that will save you completely from your sins. Focus on becoming pleasing to God. Seek God's direction in your life, confident that your life will then be lived to the fullest with the best possible results.

The Lord has told me several times in my journey to "**keep seeking peace.**" He also said for anyone to be successful: "**Your motive must be noble and pure.**" It cannot be to seek financial gain, a more powerful personality, power, religious position, spiritual gifts,* money, or prestige. These are all rooted in the ego flesh, which the Spirit mortifies in the process of grace. You must humbly approach God willing to give up anything asked; eager to crucify your lusts and affections; willing to **repent** of any evil in your heart revealed; and hopeful of receiving his words, light, spirit and peace in return. Without this motivation, you will receive little, if any, help. If you approach God with reservations about something in your life you selfishly intend to retain, whatever you ask, you will hear little. If you approach God seeking specific answers to questions you have, therefore trying to set the agenda yourself, rarely will you hear.

*Do not seek gifts, seek the giver. When your heart's desire is for a gift, the devil is apt to supply you a counterfeit gift along with his power. To receive a gift before you can speak all words from the Spirit as you hear them, before your thoughts are controlled by Him, before your works are directed by Him, before you can preach the gospel with words from Him; such is a gift that promotes the lies of Babylon, a false salvation, and false Christians. But if you seek the giver, you will be showered with gifts from the true God. William Penn wrote, "They, who seek power, are those who do not receive Christ in his convictions upon the soul, and therefore, they will always lack power; but those who seek his convictions [His revealing the sins in your heart and His destruction of them], receive power, like those of old, to become the children of God, **through the pure obedience of faith.**"

From the Word of the Lord within:

- Like the Apostles, you too must be cleansed.
- **Only those who want to be clean can hear.**
- To hear Him, man must decide how he wants to live: a slave to his passions and anger, or free.
- I am only reached by those with a penitent heart.

If you are serious about seeking God, you **must** make every effort to be honest: no lying, no cheating, no exaggerating, no omission of details that change your statements. If you slip in the moment, as exaggerating sometimes happens in conversation even while trying, go back to the person and correct your *misstatement*; **all liars**, shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone; which is the second death. Rev 21:8. When you are *willing* to give up anything, so that you can get closer to God, you have nothing to lie about any more; for one lies to gain or preserve, whether it is goods or pride.

This is not a 100 meter dash; it is a 100 kilometer marathon. A command to me, particularly appropriate to the start of your journey is: "**Do not despise small beginnings.**"

Count the Costs Before Beginning

To seek union with God is not always pleasant, especially the crucifixion of self. Jesus said that before beginning, one should first sit down and calculate the cost whether he has sufficient means to finish it. Otherwise, when he has laid the foundation and is unable to complete, all who see it will begin to mock and jeer at him. Saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' When you are a true seeker of God, denying your former evil activities in the world, (including the deficit sects), the basis of your friendships will diminish. As you deny foul language, revelry, drinking, carousing, etc., your friends and family will become uncomfortable and

begin to attack your commitment to goodness. If you and your spouse have been attending a deficit sect, your spouse may become your worst enemy, leaving you or threatening to leave you. Your family will be used to attack you; they will be your enemies. He is telling us to not even start, unless we are committed to going all the way, including death of self through suffering and tribulation. This commitment comes from a deep hunger, a hunger established by God to draw you to him. He already has far too many, calling themselves '*christians*,' who never even started, much less finished, building his temple to completion in their hearts. But we can testify truly, that having gone through much suffering and tribulation, the pain is nothing compared to the reward of knowing God. For God has created us to be loved by him and for us to love him. He is pure, clean, holy, righteous, merciful, truthful, faithful, peaceful, full of joy, and abounding in love for us — eagerly awaiting the opportunity to show his love for us. But to be in his presence and receive his love, we must be changed to become pure to able to receive his spirit in measure — our old wineskin can't hold the new wine — we must let him prepare us a new wineskin — so we can possess and enjoy the superior wine. From the Word of the Lord within: **"Trust him. He will lead you and watch over you continually. He will never leave you."**

Therefore, since Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves with the same mind because he who has suffered in the flesh is finished with sin**, so that you should not live the rest of your time in the flesh in the lusts of men, **but [live] to the will of God.** 1 Pet 4:1-2.

Tribulation is not a hard day at the office, a car wreck, or some natural difficulty; it is unmistakably, supernaturally imposed.

For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, so that **you should follow his steps.**

1 Pet 2:21. (There is much more on tribulation later in this section.)

The Lord has told me that "compared to the impoverished, third-world nations, very few in the prosperous, industrialized western world will be

willing to completely sacrifice their selfish way of life." Don't sacrifice your eternal happiness for the transient pleasures of your lifestyle, however *good* it feels. Remember, pride of life results from lust's accumulations. Pride of life is the major problem for the industrialized nations; we imagine that we have the world by the tail. Presumption is the major spiritual error; we imagine that we can please God without crucifixion of the selfish spirit to its death.

His promise was: if you seek, as your **FIRST** priority, the Kingdom of Heaven and His Righteousness, all your other needs will be met. We can testify to the truth of his promise, that while seeking the Lord as our first priority in life, He has met all our material needs far in excess of our hopes. Rather than accumulation, your focus should be on giving from your excess; for it is more

blessed to give than receive. You must practice generous giving. When you see a need that you can fill from your excess, fill it. Just react to what comes in front of you, or you can give to deserving charities such as our favorite: Boys Town. By giving, you are practicing what you seek — love and death of self; but give in secret, receiving no recognition from man. Only your Father in heaven will know, and your treasure will become eternal.

And remember, it is the **love of money** that is the root of all evil, not money. Rich or poor can love money. Rich or poor can have little regard for money. Remember, it is written, **give to the poor, and I will repay you**. And, **God loves a cheerful giver**. Ease of giving comes with practice. Start slowly and build as you feel the joy of giving. For more on understanding giving liberally see the verse and footnotes of Matthew 5:42 and Matthew 19:21.

A Warning from the Lord!

**"You must distribute
liberally."**

**See The Necessity of
Giving to the Poor.**

Of course, everyone able should be employed, and so be in service to the creation; any honest job is honorable, which includes being a stay-at-home mom. We cannot be slothful, doing no work, living off the government or others' generosity. The slothful is brother to the destroyer.

As long as you are in an honest occupation, remain where you are; don't make any change seeking more income, more status, or more power. The more changes in your life that you make, the more unsettled you become and the less you can hear Him because your mind is racing to accommodate your new circumstances. Don't relocate to a new job, city, country, or house unless necessary. Make as few changes as possible in your worldly life.

Wanting more of anything, beyond the necessities of life is covetousness: If we have food and clothing, let us be content. 1 Tim 6:8. You are supposed to be seeking God as your first priority in life, even more than food and clothing; if you do that, he promises you will not be without. Mat 6:33. From the Word of the Lord within: "Do not be among those who settle for gold."

To single people: If you sincerely desire to seek God, you cannot be seeking a husband or wife at the same time, because that pulls you away from your primary goal. There is nothing wrong with marriage, but you cannot forsake all, while grasping for more; you cannot lose your natural life, while trying enlarge the same. When you attain the clear guidance of the voice of God, **if** it is best for you to be married, He will **clearly** tell you **whom and when to marry**; remember, God destroyed the old world by water because the sons of God were marrying people outside of the faith, to whomever they were physically attracted. Before you begin, count the costs. If you have heard the call, don't be like those who said they were too busy with: a new wife, their business, their farm, or burying their parents. Long after George Fox had attained union and entered paradise, with no desire on his part, he was told by the Lord to marry Margaret Fell, also a prominent Quaker.

When someone becomes convinced of the true hope, the true gospel, and the only way; and when they leave their deficit sect, several of their spouses

have threatened to leave, a few even leaving. Most spouses get over their opposition and have even heard from the Lord of their spouse's correct seeking of Him. The Lord has no desire to destroy a marriage, so things usually work out; but it is a painful trial at least. The maxim of the world in negotiation is: *the party that is afraid of losing a negotiation is the party that loses*. Count the costs, and be ready to forsake anything and everything of your former life.

As you begin to deny your former evil activities in the world, the basis of your friendships will diminish. As you deny foul language, revelry, excessive drinking, carousing, etc., your friends will become uncomfortable and begin to attack your commitment to goodness. You will no longer have anything to gain from socializing with them. For what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? Yes, they think it strange that you do not run with them into the same excess of dissipation, and they speak evil of you. Your former social friendships will necessarily disappear, else they will hate you and persecute you; or worse, drag you back into the world as you seek their approval. Are you trying to win the approval of men, or of God?

Don't make the mistake of assuming you are supposed to love everyone by socializing with them, thinking that Jesus visited sinners and synagogues, and so should you. You are incapable of showing the love of God to anyone until you have been purified and the love of God has been close to perfected in you. Everything Jesus said and did was exactly as he was ordered to by the Father, and when you are clearly under the control of the Spirit of God's promptings and orders, you too will be sent to worldly people, (including religious worldly people), with instructions; but until then, you should withdraw from social contact with the world as much as possible. Friendship with the world is enmity with God; be polite, but don't join in conversations and activities of the world. This doesn't mean that you won't be kind and courteous to those of the world with which your occupation brings you into association; just that you will not socialize with them because it would be harmful to you. Do not be deceived. Evil companions corrupt good manners,

morals, and integrity. 1 Cor 15:33.

If you are preaching or teaching religion before being perfected and **specifically** authorized, sent, and ordered the exact words to speak by Christ, to progress spiritually, you must stop. Every word you preach or teach that is not heard from the Spirit immediately before speaking puts condemnation on you, and until perfected and authorized your teachings will not be true. From the Word of the Lord within:

- "When you speak words from yourself, it doesn't matter what you say; you say them with the wrong spirit, and they don't reach the heart of your listeners.
- A word spoken from the Spirit requires you to hear what the Spirit says to you; speak only what you are told to speak.
- All and only words from Him are to be spoken; the purpose is to prevent anyone from going out without authority, which you can see creates problems."

However true your words are, unless they are spoken with His Spirit in control of your mouth, your words do not reach the heart of your listeners; such words are idle (non-edifying), and we shall give an account for all non-edifying words that come out of our mouth. Don't even talk about God or Christ until authorized by him. See To Religious Teachers and Preachers for more.

Strive to live a quiet and peaceful life. Seek peace with all men. The less conversation, the better. The less time with radio, TV, movies, CDs, MP3s, podcasts, books, magazines, newspapers, web surfing; the better. Video games should be abandoned that are sexual and/or violent. In regard to the latest pastime of our society, social networking: the Word of the Lord within said, "FaceBook is gossip; be angry at gossip;" and this applies to Twitter, blogging, etc., (there are several other readers of the site who have been told to get off Facebook). Whatever conversation you find yourself in, try to talk

about love and family. Encourage and congratulate noble activities and good deeds that surface in conversation. Even compliment others for acts of kindness, repressing anger, and politeness. Don't join unprofitable conversations, avoiding impurity and chatter spoken from pride (godless chatter), for they will increase your ungodliness. If the conversation turns to something profane, immediately leave; spare your ears, voice, and spirit.

A withdrawal from the world for a period of solitude can be helpful to see the world more clearly as it is, thus to destroy its allure. From the Lord: "withdraw from the world long enough to see the inconsideration and hate within it. Every man should retire to his own house until the foundations of the world are destroyed." Even shutting off the TV for a few weeks will partially remove the insensitivity to evil that your heart has developed. Cease your pleasures and pursuits in the world for a several days of intense waiting on the Lord; give Him every minute you can until He breaks through your heart to show you the world's hate, vanity, injustice, greed, deceit, corruption, and sexual obsession.

Pastimes are not harmful unless giving them up is painful. If you are obsessed with some pastime, like teenagers are obsessed with video games, give them up to progress spiritually. But, even if a pastime is not important to you, to others they are a major indulgence in their life. So, you may decide to, or be asked to, refrain from participating in them to: 1) avoid the appearance of endorsing them, thus being a good example to those who might indulge to their harm, and 2) not offend those of other religious persuasions, who think they are sinful — preventing them from hearing the truth as you practice it. Both cases illustrate the practice of *being your brother's keeper*.

See **Coming Out of the World** for more on what you need to do to succeed.

Simple Rules to Follow

Beyond your daily seeking through waiting, here are the starting rules that if you follow, you will do well.

- This was John the Baptist's simple message of repentance, to get ready for Jesus and the Kingdom:
 - Repent: think differently; change your mind, regretting your sins and changing your conduct. Matt 3:2
 - Share from your excess with those who are without the necessities of life.
 - Be honest in all your dealings, never exaggerating or overreaching anyone.
 - Don't oppress people or frighten anyone, don't lie, don't want more, don't complain. Luke 3:10-14
- Seek *first* the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness. (Jesus' #1)
Set aside at least one hour for waiting on God every day, preferably in the morning before your day begins.
- Above all things, do not swear (James #1; as in oaths: "I swear to tell the truth.."),
- **Above all things have fervent love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins.** (Peter's #1),
- Flee from sexual immorality, (in Acts 15:28, from the Apostles' Council to the **beginning** Gentiles) .
Every other sin that a man commits is outside his body, but he who commits sexual immorality, sins against his own body. 1 Cor 6:18.
- Whatever commands you receive while listening, record them, review them, and keep repenting.
- **Prize your time** and the Love of God to you. (George Fox's #1)
- Don't worry, he loves you, **doubt it not!** (from the Word of the Lord within)
- And don't talk about God or Christ unless he tells you to. Wait until your words are from the Spirit.
- Enjoy the good things of this life with **thanks and praise** to our to

great and wonderful God.

Certainly we have to make every effort to give up the unlawful practices: lying, cheating, swearing, drunkenness, stealing, railing, sexual immorality, etc.

But in our culture we are immersed in lawful pastimes — sports, TV, movies, web surfing, CDs, MP3s, podcasts, music, concerts, theater, races, bodybuilding, shopping, blogging, etc. So where do we begin? You can't give it all up at once, or you will be an empty shell. What you give up has to be led by him, one step at a time, with him giving more hunger for him each step of the way. Titus 2:11-14 says: **grace will teach us** to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts — **how to live** soberly, righteously, godly. Certain things must be turned away from with all your strength, particularly those that lead you to sexual immorality. Pornography addiction is the disease of this age and wherever it appears, it must be eliminated: magazines, calendars, books, TV, movies, video games, web surfing, etc. If you are addicted to web pornography, at least get the sites off your *Favorites* list. Make it more than one click to failure; install a porn filter, get rid of your credit cards — anything to block your ease of depravity; even get rid of your internet connection or your computer if necessary.

Closely related to pornography is auto-eroticism, particularly with males, but not limited to males. Many people have been taught by secular education that there is nothing wrong with auto-eroticism, even claiming it is healthy. They are wrong because it harms the spirit when you consent to sin in your imagination, which definitely damages you. From the Word of the Lord within: "Boycott sexual fantasies." Before you are purified by the Lord, you do not have total control over your mouth and little control over your mind; but you do have control over your hands and your feet. So you can restrain your hands from grasping evil and your feet from running to evil. Plus as a believer you have the grace of God to help you resist temptation. **Getting rid of all sources of pornography is a**

prerequisite, as discussed above. Then make an effort to keep your mind focused on Jesus, your hope of perfection, your hope of the kingdom, your hope of union; for if you keep your mind focused on him, he will keep you from these temptations. If you forget and find yourself feeling the urge to indulge in the pleasures of the world, call on the grace of God; pray and sit on your hands until you feel the temptation subsides. The more you resist that temptation, the easier it is the next time; in time it will disappear from your life. Do not make the mistake that you are to do nothing until Jesus swoops down and frees you; you must make every effort yourself to turn from evil, but you also must depend on him as described in the previous sentences. **To deny yourself is fundamental to the cross.** See Steven Crisp's sermon, *The Acceptable Sacrifice*, for more on the power of God to protect you.

There is another form of addiction: *rights* or *entitlements*. Our governments have legislated and imagined an array of rights and entitlements: the right to say anything, the right to a pension, the right to health-care, the right to indulge in sexual immorality, the right to abortion, the right to not be discriminated against, etc. If the thought of having to part with some right upsets you, then you are addicted to it. The Lord's way is not to insist on our own way, nor to flee to the courts for protection, nor to flee to the streets to protest; we are to accept everything as from the hand of the Lord, for he is in perfect control of all the events surrounding those who have made him their first priority in their life.

But for the non-harmful pastimes: know they eventually will have to go, but **wait for the Lord to lead you in their denial**, when he gives you strength to comply and more hunger for him to fill the void created when you give them up. As the Lord has told me: "I don't want people to give up everything at once, without me leading them and filling them along the way, or they will end up an empty shell. Everyone should put away what they are doing for the sake of righteousness."

Regarding sports, bodily exercise that keeps you healthy is important and should not be classified as a pastime, providing you are not obsessed with winning or the resulting pride of appearance.

From [A Guide to True Peace](#):

The love of liberty is one of the most dangerous passions of the heart. If we follow this propensity, instead of true liberty, it reduces us to slavery. As our passions are the worst of tyrants, if we obey them partially, we must always be in a perpetual strife and contest within; and if we entirely give ourselves up to them, it is horrid to think to what extremities they will lead; they will torment the heart, and like a torrent, sweep all before them, and yet never be satisfied. True liberty is to be found only in him, whose truth shall set us free, and who shall make us experience that to serve him is to reign.

When our selfish nature is slain, we will unite with the Spirit of Christ, so that we will be obedient in our love for God — and our obedience is by choice, God not having taken away our free will. Love never insists on its own way. But our love for God will make our obedience to his wishes to be the joy of our life.

Don't try to force others in your family to do the same seeking as you. If they are interested, great. If your wife or husband goes along with you, that's even better; you have the best of fellowship. But don't pressure anyone. Once they see you change; once they see your peace; they may want to follow. Whatever commands you get are for you only; don't assume you have an obligation to enforce them on your family members.

Don't approach waiting on God with questions that you want to be answered. When you need to know something, He will teach you. Let Him set the agenda for Him teaching you, otherwise you will be disappointed that

He didn't answer your questions. He knows what you need to know, and when you need to know it.

Beware of those who pose questions of minor importance. If you are asked pointless questions, avoid answering them. Avoid foolish controversies, and don't get drawn into any argument, especially in regard to religion. 2 Tim 2:23-24. If you have reservations about the Scriptures, don't preach, teach, or talk about them; instead remain silent, waiting on the Lord to reveal the knowledge required **when you need it**. Trust your Teacher to provide you knowledge **when you need it; but you must trust his judgment, not your intellectual curiosity that seeks puffed up knowledge**.

Remember, many of the early Quakers were shown the details and mysteries of the scriptures by Christ as they entered paradise, the Kingdom of God. Fox stated that he had little knowledge of the scriptures prior to Christ's personally instructing him after he entered the Kingdom. From the Word of the Lord within: **"I will open the Bible to you."** So seek the Kingdom as your highest priority; you don't need to understand every nuance of scripture to arrive at your goal. Use the scriptures for hope; and until you are being instructed by the Holy Spirit, use the scriptures for your understanding of what is sin, helping you avoid as many as possible. See Stephen Crisp's letter on this subject for more information on how immaterial questions are the tool of the enemy: to create some unimportant controversy, until the weighty matter they should have minded is lost and forgotten.

A KEY teaching that we received from HIM while waiting is: **to defer** (yield your will) **to others** — our children, our husbands, our wives, our friends. Practicing this alone can result in your significant spiritual progress. You should do this in all cases, unless it is immoral, dangerous, or of major consequence. This should be especially easy for wives who are to be submissive to their husbands, and children who are to obey their parents. We who are His, are charged to put ourselves last. Everyone should defer to other's wishes, for by doing this, we put to death our selfish will, which

wants to put ourselves first. Instead, we put Him and his ways first. Love does not demand its own way. 1 Cor 13:5

And to those who say, we are advocating salvation by "works," by listening and **repenting**, I say, go to the Light and have Him show you what is in your heart; then you will know **how much grace you still need**. Only God can change us — we are helpless in our fleshly deplorable state — only the grace of God can rid us of our conditions. It is by grace, and grace only through our faith in Christ that we are saved; but saved, means to die to the flesh and live to Christ — not by imputation, but in reality. You must share his sufferings, die daily, be buried in the baptism of death, and have him resurrected in you. The cross is the beginning. The cross is not "works," it is only obedience, and **to those who oppose it, they are headed for destruction, for their god is their belly (lusts and affections).**

True Fellowship

As evidence of your desire for the Lord to lead you to a sinless state and the Kingdom, you will have to leave your deficit sect. To continue to meet with your deficit sect, is contradictory to the truth and to the true gospel requiring repentance. To continue to meet with any of the deficit sects is to fellowship with people who deny the hope of purity through repentance, union, holiness, and the Kingdom. Instead of repentance with forgiveness, their God only forgives with no help or power for further repentance to help them change. To stay, you will either lose your peace or lose your integrity. If you stay, you are associating with people who think sin is OK with God, as long as they are believers and support their sect; to associate with people who continually demonstrate that evil is overlooked by God cannot help but weaken your resolve to rid yourself of your sinful nature. These people will constantly tell you: "We're OK, and you're OK because God loves us just like we are," still full of sin; but that is a tragic, colossal mistake. By your attendance, you are supporting those same people in their delusions, supporting the false teachings of that sect, and thereby condemning

yourself. Come out of her [the false church], my people, so that you do not share in her sins, and so you will not receive her plagues. Rev 18:4.

The word of the Lord within said, "**They must withdraw from their sect to be taught;**" and "**withdraw from your sect, not out of pride and prejudice, but separate yourself long enough to see its false rulings.**" To be able to hear Christ's teachings, you must quietly withdraw from your deficit sect because **he will not build you up on top of a false foundation.** See 'Sect's Services' for more detail. Also see Isaac Penington's writing as to why coming out of Babylon is necessary.

Now don't make the mistake of looking for others of similar views with which to *fellowship*. Those who long for fellowship in the flesh with other seekers are really wanting to speak to others, which is in effect teaching, and which only increases your pride as you speak. Realize that until you or anyone else has been crucified, their and your spoken words come from the carnal mind, which is enmity to God and cannot submit itself to God. Rom 8:6-7. As the Lord said, anything beyond a *yes* or *no* spoken comes from the evil one, Mat 5:37, the spirit of Satan in you and them. If you and others can speak words heard from the Spirit of God, (**only** words that you hear immediately before speaking, and **only** words that you are told to speak out loud), then you are sharing the words of God; but immature people are sharing the words of Satan. From the Word of the Lord within: "**It is dangerous for the young to fellowship together.**" There will soon be a time when meetings will once again be set up by mature, kingdom-dwelling individuals throughout the world, but until a mature leadership has been perfected and formed, the Lord Himself is shepherding His sheep, alone. Eze 34. The Word of the Lord within has specifically given the following advice with instruction to pass it on to others: "Keep to yourselves."

The less conversation you have, the more your mind can be stilled. The more you listen and read about topics except your hope, the more your mind will be cluttered. Avoid all unnecessary

conversation, listening to others, surfing the web for news or subjects of interest, and all socializing.

The closer you get, keeping to yourselves becomes the more critical. Before he had spiritually matured, George Fox moved from town to town to be a stranger to those around him, which he did in order to discourage others from talking to him; for he was afraid of *being drawn out* — out from the silence of his mind into a worldly conversation.

My wife and I continue to wait on the Lord separately, and the Lord has told us that in a good day our conversation should be limited to one or two words.

The danger of the young in fellowship together also applies to written communication, blogging, comments on blogs, email exchanges, etc. Anything you read from others, (particularly those still seeking and not authorized to share their specific messages heard, much less their expansive interpretations), is subject to severely distorting your understanding. Shared written communications before being specifically authorized to do such sharing, is prone to subtle errors that you can't yet see; and by sharing them, you are heaping condemnation on yourself.

The early Quakers assembled to wait in humble silence for the Lord, and in that fleshly silence those mature enough in Spirit worshiped God with his Spirit leading their silent words and praise. The only audible words spoken were those commanded by the Lord; the only audible singing was commanded by the Lord. **The only interaction of the members was not in fleshly, audible words, but was in the Spirit, where the members came to know one another without words; instead through silent, unspoken communication in the Spirit.** These meetings were often attended with the visible presence of the Lord, (seen and heard with the eyes and ears of the heart), ministering to them all; and that presence left the members greatly refreshed.

George Fox spoke further of the true fellowship in the below excerpt from Letter 149, a fellowship *in the Spirit and light* that John also referenced: That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, so that you may also have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ....But **if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another**, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin. ¹ John 1:7. (From the Word of the Lord within: "Walking in the light is to be guided through life by God; walking in darkness is making your own decisions as to what to do and say.")

All Friends everywhere,

Meet together, and in the measure of God's spirit wait,
that with it all your minds may be guided up to God, to receive
wisdom from God.

That you may all come to know how you may walk up to him in
his wisdom.

That it may be justified of you, and you in it preserved up to God,
and be glorified.

**And Friends meet together, and know one another in
that which is eternal,
which was before the world was.**

**For knowing one another only in the letter and flesh,
differs you little from the beasts of the field;
for what they know they know naturally.**

**But all knowing one another in the light which was
before the world was,
this differs you from the beasts of the field,
and from the world's knowledge,
and brings you to know one another in the elect seed
which was before the world was.**

In a letter to newly convinced believers, Francis Howgill gives us a little

more understanding of *fellowship in the spirit* vs. *fellowship in the flesh*:

And wait for discerning, to have salt in yourselves, to know and savor one another in the spirit, and operation, and working of it; that being sensible, and feeling one another's conditions in the spirit, you may speak to the informing of one another, to the building up on one another, in the precious faith. But be slow to speak, and swift to hear; and **do not feed each other's sensual wisdom, which is the serpent's seat. For words without knowledge darken counsel, and betray simplicity.**

Some people want human companionship. Few seek God only, treasuring His words, teachings, love, convictions, and encouragements, however *scant the bread from heaven may be* when compared with Babylon's boundless TV, books, radio, music, and meetings. Until you are specifically told to meet with others, keep to yourselves.

Techniques

I have heard from several people who because they cannot quiet their mind, give up trying very quickly, thinking they can read the Bible or watch Christian TV and do better. Everyone has difficulty quieting their mind in the beginning; even after years of waiting, I frequently have difficulty. To wait on God is not to be a casual try; your soul's life depends on your persistence and patience. Keep trying and He will eventually quiet your mind; you may have to struggle for an hour or more, but suddenly you will experience quietness. Use the web site to seize the true hope of salvation, purity, the kingdom, and unity; then spend 90% of your time waiting on God and 10% reading the Bible or the web site for maintaining your hope and motivation.

You just try to be quiet so that you can hear the still, quiet voice. *Any*

thought is on the name of Jesus. It is not a mantra to be repeated. When you find yourself off in thoughts, return to the thought of His name and then try to be quiet. To think on the name of Jesus is access to power:

Let him who walks in darkness and has no light, trust in the name of the Lord, and stay [his mind] upon his God. Isa 50:10

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Isa 26:3

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous flee into it and are safe. Pro 18:10

Not only listen for that small, still voice inside, but watch too, even looking at your closed eyelids, staying aware of your sight. Each time you catch yourself off in thoughts, return to thinking of his name, but don't repeat it over and over. Quietness is the key. His name is access to power and to get your mind back to what you are waiting on, to hear His words or see His understandings. You can use techniques learned in different forms of meditations; just remember to bring your thoughts back to the name of Jesus. You must listen and obey all commands that you hear, providing they are complete, make sense, and are moral. When you get such a command, stop and write it down, then continue to listen. Other forms of meditation teach you to ignore all thoughts — this is exactly the opposite of what you must do — **listen and obey**.

**Then those who feared the LORD spoke often with one another;
and the LORD listened and heard it;
and a book of remembrance was written before Him
of those who feared the LORD
and who meditate upon His name.** Mal 3:16

I want to share with you the lessons we have learned in years of waiting. I wait on God with my eyes closed. I know others who wait with their eyes open. Eyes closed has the advantage that you see less to distract your mind; the disadvantage is that it is easier to go to sleep. George Fox walked all night alone; walking kept him awake while he listened and received understandings and commands from the Lord.

Sleep Must Be Reduced

Sleep is counterproductive to hearing God's voice. This is difficult to accept and believe because we have been taught throughout our life to get plenty of sleep. The less sleep you get, the more you will hear. For years George Fox walked all night to stay awake, and his revelations received speak for themselves as you read his works. Paul got little sleep. The Lord will awaken you in the early morning hours, and it will get earlier and earlier; this is His call to you to get up and wait on Him. If you persistently go back to sleep, you will be attacked with nightmares. Get up and go sit in your chair. If you fall asleep on the chair, when you awaken, be attentive because that is when you frequently hear. Don't go back to bed; stay sitting up and you will hear more. From the Word of the Lord within: "never fear the loss of sleep." As you progress, the Lord will gradually awaken you earlier and earlier, and your ability to tolerate reduced sleep will gradually increase too.

This is **a very big cross to your carnal mind's will**, which desperately, from a lifetime habit, wants to stay in bed and sleep. For years, He tried to get me up in the middle of the night; I was resistant and stupid, so my progress was slow. I noticed when I traveled overseas, and got little sleep, I heard messages. Now, I get 5 hours of sleep in bed — being awakened. Until I got accustomed to the schedule, he would clearly instruct to get up when awakened. I reached a point in my waiting where I went to sleep within a few minutes, constantly. Even a lot of sleep did not remedy this problem. What did work, was to dig my thumbnail into the tips of my fingers; this pain (no injury) keeps me awake. Remember he said, the Kingdom of

Heaven is forcibly entered... by forceful men- meaning with maximum effort. Coffee is too turbulent for me, both for my stomach and my emotions; but Holy Basil pills and caffeine pills help me stay awake without negative side effects, (the *Holy Basil* aids concentration and focus.) Whatever works for you. Below are several scriptures that strongly support the need for less sleep:

Do not allow sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids.
Deliver yourself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise;
Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
Provides her food in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.

How long will you sleep, O sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep?

Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep.

So shall poverty come on you like a thief, and your want like an armed man. Pro 6:4-11

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the [spiritual] vineyard of the man void of understanding;

And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered its surface, and their stone walls were broken down.

Then I saw, and considered it well. I looked upon it, and received instruction.

Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep;

So shall your poverty come as a thief [without warning]; and your lack as [if robbed by] an armed man. Pro 24:30-34

Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you

shall be satisfied with [spiritual] bread. Pro 20:13

(Jesus is the Bread from Heaven, the Word of God, heard from within — this is a **strong** advisory to get as little sleep as possible.)

And he came to the disciples, and found them asleep, and said to Peter, “What, could you not **watch** with me one hour? Mat 26:40

Take heed, **watch** and pray; for you do not know when the time is. Mark 13:33

Blessed are those servants whom the master **finds watching** when he comes. Truly I say to you, he will gird himself and make them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. And if he comes in the second watch or the third watch, and finds them so, **[watching]** blessed are those servants. Luke 12:37-38

Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man. Luke 21:36

Wake up and be watchful. Rev 3:2

Therefore **let us not sleep**, as others do; but **let us watch and be sober.** 1 Thes 5:6

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be sober, and **watch to prayer.** 1 Peter 4:7

Remember therefore what you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If you do not keep awake and **watch**, I will come upon you like a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. Rev 3:3

Awake you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ

will give you light. Eph 5:14

Behold, I come like a thief! **Blessed is he who stays awake and watches.** Rev 16:15

Blessed is the man who **hears me, watching daily** at my gates, **waiting** at the posts of my door.

For whoever finds me, finds life, and he shall obtain favor of the LORD. Pro 8:34-35

I remember you upon my bed, and **meditate on you in the night watches.** Psa 63:6

Daily Habit

The Lord has recently told me, "**Many people are saying, 'I don't have time.' I don't ask you to drop whatever you are doing to come and meditate.**" He has never interfered with what I have to do in my life; he knows we are busy with our jobs, children, houses, community activities, etc. He only asks you put aside *some* time for him.

You cannot be his disciple unless you pick up your cross daily and follow his orders.

It is probably best to pick a time in the early morning when it is quiet, before you have the day's activities swirling in you head. Get up an hour earlier than you previously did; use weekends for intense seeking, and make holidays holy days, by spending the whole day or as much as possible in silent waiting on the Lord. If you are busy, setting a time in the evening will be too often missed because of conflicts arising in your day's requirements or because you are too tired. Some can wait on God regularly at night; my wife is like this and can wait for several hours at night. Whatever time you choose, make sure you listen daily. It is best to wait in a chair without a head rest. Sitting up straight, you have less possibility of falling asleep, though

still possible; and he can more easily awaken you, because any sleep fallen into will not be as deep as would be in bed lying down. If you try to sit up propped up on pillows in bed, it is far too easy to slink down or just roll over into a lying down position.

Occasionally when I first sit down to begin my waiting, I immediately "know" something he is telling me about myself; I feel it deep within me; it is an infusion. There are no words, but the message is understood in words. Once, as I sat down, I felt very guilty about something I had recently done; as I sat there marveling at this sudden and unexpected guilt that came out of nowhere, I heard his voice say, "consider yourself convicted." As you think about what you feel and know, you can put it into words of thought. It is usually a conviction regarding something he wants you to **repent** of, which if you own and repent, you will greatly benefit. If it is something you have done wrong, you feel shame and guilt. If it is a command or direction, you feel a strong desire to do that thing.

Quieting the Mind

There are several things I have learned that I have been taught to help to quiet the mind, which makes hearing easier.

- Begin by thinking on the name of Jesus, (but not over and over). If your chair has arms on it, rest your elbows on the arms, put your hands together as for prayer, and rest them in light contact with your mouth, chin, or nose.
- Force yourself to smile and **hold the smile**. Smiling will chase the worries away, which is what 90% of thoughts are. A smile releases endorphins and serotonin, making it easier to relax and drop thoughts. When you find yourself sunk in a stream of worries, or stuck in reviewing the horribleness of your past sins, (after you have once confessed regret over them), a forced smile will break those thought patterns, allowing you to refocus your mind on waiting, watching, and

listening for the Lord to speak.

- Close your mouth, put your teeth together, and breathe through your nose as long as it is clear; breathing through the nose **with teeth together** reduces your thinking significantly. This is true when waiting or in normal activities.
- Not only listen, but watch — watch the light on your closed eyelids. **Rotate your eyes to the upper right. Keep watching what is in your sight, however little, and it will keep your mind still.** By watching, you keep your mind still, and listening is natural with a quiet mind.
- Breathe slowly and deeply. Slow breathing makes thinking more difficult. While *breathing in* slowly and deeply, focus on feeling the upper right of your head; and while *breathing out* slowly, focus on looking for light at the upper right of your head, (45 ° angle up). Each time you breathe out, look further to the right, (but without twisting your head).
- After you have expelled the air from your lungs, without immediately breathing in, hold your breath for a few seconds. You will feel a pressure in your head; don't resist it, latch onto it, and when you breathe back in, hold onto that pressure because it can help you maintain silence. With practice you can hold onto that pressure throughout your waiting time.
- Be ready to reject thoughts and visions that the devil throws in randomly to cause your mind to wander; to reject thoughts before being lost in thought is hard, but it becomes easier with practice. The Lord never brings up a sin for which you have already expressed regret and stopped doing; but the devil throws up visions of your past experiences to cause your distress and loss of focus. The devil also brings up a subject of your interest and then proceeds talk about that

subject tempting you to listen to his garbage talk; and like little dreams, he can set you up with sexual temptations. You can stop this garbage by returning to **watching to the upper right**.

- To get started, (or to restart when you find yourself lost in thought), breathe out stopping for a few seconds to catch the pressure. Smile. Breathe in, feeling the upper right of your head. Then breathe out again watching to the upper right.
- Waiting in this way can become relaxing and restful.

According to the Word of the Lord within, the above is the key to Christ being formed within you.

Start by thinking on the name of Jesus; then go silent. As you progress and become more aware of Christ in you, you can shift to thinking on Christ within you, (*per George Fox*). From the Word of the Lord within: "Every time you return [your thoughts] to Me, the Father knows it."

Yes, we have **waited** for you in the way of your judgments, O LORD; the desire of our soul is for your name, and for the remembrance of you. Isa:26:8

A book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and who meditate upon his name. Mal 3:16

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Isa 26:3

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches. Psa 63:5-6

Do not be discouraged if you find it difficult to still the mind; everyone does.

Your efforts are noticed and appreciated; eventually they will be rewarded with the Lord's grace to help you still the mind. Remember, even your waiting is to your credit: Let your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, in proportion to our waiting and hoping on you. Psalms 33:22. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by ear, nor has the eye seen a God beside you, who acts for the one who waits for him. Isa 64:4.

You will eventually notice that you have a thought and then you form the words to express it in your mind. Your thought has already been heard; you are wasting effort trying to express it. Just keep quiet, without forming words to express the feelings or thoughts that pop up, and you will have made a major step. Try not to form words in your mind, even if your thought is bad, just let it be.

A common problem is for your mind to imagine preaching to others, quoting scriptures to support the preaching. Some even think this is inspired by God, but it is only your carnal mind judging others and wasting your time of waiting. However good it feels, however righteous it makes you feel, stop it, and go silent as best you can; don't waste your time of listening and watching.

Fasting

Occasional fasting and less sleep weaken the body and thereby strengthen the spirit. I drink water when fasting; to go without water for more than 3 days is extremely difficult and can be dangerous. There are records of very spiritually advanced people who were able to go without water for longer than three days; Jesus and Moses fasted without water. If you drink water, be sure to add at least 1/2 teaspoon of sea salt per day, or your liquid elimination will deplete the body of salt, causing you dangerous dehydration. A juice fast is not really a fast; it is a diet. The Muslim fast of daytime fasting only, eating at night, is not a fast. A fast is to go without food entirely for some period of time. George Fox and many early Quakers

frequently fasted. Paul fasted. Jesus fasted. Moses fasted. It is hard, but worthwhile. You may want to wait for the Lord to tell you "Do not eat." If you want to fast, fast. If you want to wait for instructions, wait. I have done both. Fasting in obedience to the Lord's command is easier to sustain because it is not your decision when to quit; if it were your decision to fast, then it is too easy to decide to quit when the going gets rough; but if the Lord tells you to fast [clearly understood, no fill-in-the-blanks, no guessing], you then must wait for him to give your permission to quit.

Dryness

To often sit and hear or see nothing is part of the process — dryness. For long periods of time, I got one message per month. You will probably do better. You will also get encouragement. This comes just at the right time. He is trying to develop patience. He is developing faith; he speaks at exactly the right time. He knows what is best. Don't second guess Him. He is always there. He will never leave you; this is a scriptural promise. Long periods of hearing nothing are being in the spiritual desert. He told me once **"keep crawling through the desert."** Don't think the process is not working; know it is. Read John, Peter, Psalms, Isaac Penington, and George Fox for keeping up your hope. You will find your favorites. Whatever builds your hope, read it.

In the beginning of your waiting on God, it may take some time before you hear his voice, but your waiting is to be eventually be rewarded. From the Word of the Lord within: **"When waiting, even if you do not hear for some time, it will be to your benefit; know that He is at work deep inside of you."** My early mistake was to expect guidance as to what ministry he wanted me to pursue and where to move to; questions that could not be answered, rather than simply sitting to be taught about him and myself according to what He, my creator, had decided I needed to know.

I have heard from those who hear immediately. I have heard from others

who have not heard for months — but when they do, they are thrilled throughout their being. You don't hear an actual voice with your outside ears; instead it is like a thought inside you, but with a voice accompanying it. He will start with encouraging, kind, statements. He will show you things to come, or show you his power, by revelation; this helps you identify and believe it is the Son of God who is speaking to you. Later he will begin to convict you of your problems, by vision with immediate clear understanding, but in a kind brotherly way, that saddens you of its truth and motivates you to become different; which if you follow your resolve, you will be changed by Him to be different.

Usually, you don't hear from God, or get his guidance quickly. Your sincerity in giving up relying on yourself, and casting all your hopes on him is not to be a casual try, but rather a dedicated effort. It may take months before you hear, but you will hear — if you persist. Persistence, dedication, and wholly relying on God are the most important.

Checklist for Reasons of Hearing Difficulties

In addition, here is a check list, just to be sure you are not being held back by one or more.

- **You have to want to be clean to hear;** you have to want to be clean in all thought, word, and deed. You have to want the Lord to expose all the sins in your heart and destroy them; otherwise you will not hear. Once again, as the Word of the Lord within has said:
 - Like the Apostles, you too must be cleansed.
 - **Only those who want to be clean can hear.**
 - To hear Him, man must decide how he wants to live: a slave to his passions and anger, or free.
 - I am only reached by those with a penitent heart.
- Let the Lord decide what you need to hear or be told, not you. If you go

to him with no questions that have to be answered, with no experience you must have; if your aim is to be content with whatever the Lord wills for you; you will be able to eventually hear regularly. (But don't expect to hear each time you wait on him; there are many times of dryness with hearing nothing.) From the Word of the Lord within: "You will hear him if you go with no preset agenda."

- Be sure you have not discounted as not true, or not from the Lord, any command you have heard to repent from something; for as the Word of the Lord within has said, "Those who do not hearken diligently to my command will not hear my voice."
- Be sure you are not habitually disobeying a command you have heard from Him, thinking it to be unimportant; for as the Word of the Lord within has said, "Those who refused to obey were shunted aside."
- Be sure you are not disobeying a command you have heard from Him because your friends or family would disapprove. You cannot be afraid of censure or disapproval of your family and friends; you must want the approval of the Lord far more than the approval of men.
- Be sure you have not disbelieved one of His commands that was complete and clear to cease from something you are doing, not wanting to cease it and thus convincing yourself it was your imagination.
- Be sure you are not deliberately doing something evil, which you know you shouldn't be doing, and which you are able to cease.
- Be sure you are not holding anything back in reserve that you would not be able to part with if asked.
- Be sure you are only seeking His will for you, not an increase in power, prestige, money, status, etc.; in other words that you are seeking His

righteousness and His kingdom as your highest priority in life.

- Be sure you are not rolling over and going back to sleep in the middle of the night when you are awakened by Him.
- Be sure you are **in humble silence**, aware of his infinite wisdom, power, knowledge, and purity — far above any man. If you go to God, thinking you are saved and special, entitled to privileges, you will not hear — that is not humility. You must go as an unsaved sinner, desperate to be rid of sin, desperate to be able to do the right thing, desperate to be pleasing to God — at any price — but trusting in his goodness and his mercy. Humble silence is the evidence of your humility. You do your best to maintain silence, and that is good enough — just keep doing it.
- Be sure you are not still going to deficit sect services, Bible Study, prayer groups, etc. If you participate in the deficit sects: 1) you are supporting and promoting those who count the blood of Jesus to be a license for sin, for evil, and for darkness; 2) you are denying the true Christ while supporting the antichrists; 3) you are showing contempt and spite for grace; 4) you make a mockery of God by attributing Him to accept into heaven those immersed in sin because they believe; and 5) you are one who knew the Lord's will, but failed to follow it.
- Be sure you are not preaching, witnessing, or teaching others, until you are specifically told what to do, when to do it, and **you can hear from Him every word to be spoken immediately before speaking**. Understand, that if you violate this, the opposition may become very active in imitating the voice of the Lord and leading you to much further error, with accompanying condemnation for the spiritual damage you cause to your listeners, however unintentional.
- Be sure you are not turning away from those whose physical needs are not satisfied, and which you could satisfy with your *excess* resources. You **must give liberally** to individuals or charities for the poor in

order to progress. "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let every man give according to what he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. As it is written, 'He has dispersed abroad; he has given to the poor, his righteousness remains forever.'" 2 Cor 9:6-9. A Warning from the Word of the Lord within!

"You must distribute liberally."

- Be sure there is not some obviously immoral habit you are continuing without making every effort to cease it.

Now, some suggestions:

- When you awaken, wait about a minute or two before getting up or planning your day. Try to listen then for a message, which can seem like a thought, except it has no train to support it — it is totally off the subject you may have been thinking on.
- When you are waiting on God, even if thinking, the Lord can superimpose his thoughts and words over yours. You can be tripping along in your thought train, (which you can trace backwards and see how one thought leads to another), and suddenly there is a completely different thought that occurs, which has no trail or train. That is often the Lord communicating with you.
- If you are awakened at night, and feel pretty wide awake, get up and try to wait on God.
- Don't worry about dozing off. Keep sitting up and you will awaken, often several times. As you awaken, then is when you will most often hear. When you awaken, don't condemn yourself for going to sleep; and don't jump up immediately. Sit quietly and roll your eyes up; this is the time you will often hear.

- Finally, **try increasing your time**. As the Lord once told me: **"If the car is going nowhere, press on the gas pedal."**

From the Word of the Lord within: "To hear and obey is hard. Only those who want to be clean can hear. People panic over the Lord not being apparent in working in them. When waiting, even if you do not hear for some time, it will be to your benefit; know that He is at work deep inside of you." Progress is not short-term apparent. Progress is little by little, often indiscernible; but over time, you will look back and see your changes. Little by little each spoken word from Him that you hear is engrafted into your heart and imparts the life of God to you making you a little more pure.

Recognizing His Voice

The voice will come before the Light. But you can have visions, like little dreams, with immediate understandings. This too is the Light's work within you. What you hear doesn't always line up with scripture. You will hear him tell you things about yourself. You will hear compliments. You will hear convictions. But whatever you hear from the Lord, will never contradict scripture. You can hear five ways:

1. A thought with no voice, or no vision. But the thought is obviously not your own because it has no train to trace backwards. The thought is also immediately understood.
2. A thought accompanied by a voice (but not a physical voice — more like a tone and a quality to the thought expressed — like the memory of having heard someone speaking with inflections, tone, frequency, etc.).
3. Very rarely, (including, but not limited to, when the Lord warns you of an imminent danger), you, (but only you), will hear a voice so loud that it is like someone is standing close to you and speaking firmly.
4. An understanding with a vision, which understanding is immediate and clear — usually with no voice accompanying.
5. An understanding that is like being totally immersed or surrounded

with the words — not heard, but very strong, and which you yourself can express in words easily. This is rare and wonderful.

The below illustrates how your own thoughts can be traced backwards, to prove whether a thought is yours or if it has been introduced from the spiritual realm:

Suppose I have a thought about *Italy*. Now I start tracing it backwards. The thought before was *pizza*. And before that: *the favorite food of men*. And before that: *ice cream*. And before that: *the favorite food of women*. And before that: *what my wife and I were going to eat for supper*. And before that etc.

At the end of that sequence, suppose I hear or have a thought: "your needs will be provided — provided you stay on the path." Since it is totally out of sync with any previous train of thoughts, clearly that thought originated from the spiritual realm. It is the word of the Lord because it is peaceful, easily accepted, gentle, hopeful, merciful, understandable — it is *wisdom from above*:

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, fair, **gentle**, easily accepted, full of mercy and good fruits, immediately understood, and sincere.

James 3:17.

But if you heard, "you've got a serious problem;" that is *from below* because it doesn't even identify the problem; so it is not pure and being incomplete, is not understandable or easily accepted.

It takes time, practice, and patience to learn to recognize messages from the Lord. His words are always kind, gentle, peaceable, easily accepted, without sarcasm, without bitterness, without condemnation, without harshness, pure, clean, humble, wonderful. There are never any emotional words, there

is never any threat in his message; his words are plain, without humor, easily accepted, not embarrassing, always kind, firm, always moral, never contradicting scripture, immediately understood, factual, wise, easily understood, never upbraiding, never incomplete, never leaving you guessing as to their meaning. He condemns the sin in you, but he doesn't condemn *you*; His words will generate your remorse and godly sorrow, but not your embarrassment. The enemy's many voices are *usually** emotional and can possibly be sarcastic, incomplete, condemning, harsh, fearful, or bitter. The enemy uses many voices: yours, friends, relatives, dignitaries, etc. Eventually you will hear from the Lord. And once you begin to hear, you will hear with increasing frequency. His words are from a soft voice. Sometimes, you will not hear a voice, you will just suddenly know something immediately. George Fox called this an 'opening.' An 'opening' can be expressed in words, but it is a feeling that infuses your entire being, as feeling surrounded or immersed in the immediate understanding.

***Usually, but not always; beware**, until you have been crucified and experienced the baptism of fire and death to be resurrected as a new creature, the voice of the opposition can be indistinguishable from the voice of the Lord. The enemy will pretend to be the Lord, always tempting you to do something wrong that you want to do, or tempting you to do something that you have been told not to do. **So, until you have been crucified, you should only follow commands heard that require you to repent from your behaviors that you understand to be wrong.** Any command you hear that differs from a requirement to repent of behavior, conduct, speech, or thoughts, should be ignored because that is from the enemy; and ignore any command to repent that is not pure, peaceable, fair, **gentle**, easily accepted, immediately understood, sincere, (even commands that chastise or rebuke from the Lord have to be pure, **gentle**, fair, easily accepted, make sense, etc.). **There is much more detail on this warning in the Deceptions Section.**

He will tell you things about Himself. He will encourage you. He is kindness. He will tell or show you things about yourself; some will be things that are ugly. But since he is your friend, you know that he is showing them to you for your own good. So you listen and watch. And you don't run; you stand before the Son of Man. And you **repent** of what he shows you. And sometimes he gives you commands. You are hearing the Word of God, the living Word. And hopefully you will obey his commands and show him you love him by being obedient. Keep pen and paper nearby when waiting on the Lord. Stop and write down what you get. **Keep a notebook of commands** and understandings received. He told us, "**Why should I teach you if you don't write down what I tell you?**" Then go right back into waiting. Review them periodically, and keep repenting. You will start changing; not as fast as you want to, but you will change. You will become more patient, less easily angered, kinder, more settled, more focused in life. Your desires for the things of the world will begin to melt away. As you follow his commands, your progress will accelerate. When you see your changes, still conscious of your decreasing failures, you will know, with gratitude, that he is changing you by grace — it is working! Your faith is increasing, because you hear the Word of God and because you are becoming more sure of what you hope for and more certain of Christ making changes in you, even though you don't yet see Him.

Don't Rely on Dreams

A common mistake of many people is to try to interpret dreams. George Fox wrote about dreams in his Journal:

Going on to another place I came among a people that relied too much on dreams for their spiritual guidance. I told them unless they could distinguish between dream and dream, they would confuse them all together for there were three sorts of dreams: multitude of business sometimes caused dreams, there were

whisperings of satan in man at night, and there were speakings of God to man in dreams. These people stopped relying on dreams and at last became Friends.

If God speaks to you in a dream, it will be absolutely clear without a shadow of doubt what He is telling you. Any dream that requires you to interpret the events should be ignored; those dreams are deliberately given to you by Satan to tempt you to interpret them, he knowing that you will likely interpret them in a way to justify satisfying your lusts or pride. The same thing applies to visions received in your waiting on the Lord; if the meaning is not totally clear, if it does not make good sense, if it is not moral, if it is not gentle, ignore it. And be very cautious in believing anything someone else has dreamed; neither rely on anyone else interpreting your dreams. Below are scriptures that support ignoring yours and others dreams.

- For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in the midst of you, deceive you; **neither pay any attention to your dreams or to theirs.** Jer 29:8
- The prophet who has a dream, let him tell it as a dream; and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?" says the Lord. Jer 23:28

Notice! **The Lord has likened dreams to be chaff**, but his word to be wheat. Do not depend on dreams in the least.

When you have dreams, in which you indulge in anger, violence, or sex, do not worry about them or try to analyze them; just regret you are still so weak that you submit to those indulgences in your dreams and hope to become more resistant to temptations even in dreams. That resistance will come as you hear more to become more pure.

Recording Your Messages

When keeping a notebook of commands and understandings received, only record the words or immediate understanding you have received. The temptation is to take a four-word message from the Lord and start writing paragraphs on exactly what He meant, often completely distorting the original message. If you insist on writing an essay on a simple sentence heard from the Lord, write it in a different location because it is far too easy to lose the original message's meaning, even losing the message. The messages you receive from the Lord are like a jigsaw puzzle; each part fits together with other messages, past or future. So that you can begin to see the picture that the joined parts portray, protect the integrity of each message.

Remember therefore what you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. Rev 3:3. Periodically review your messages so that they remain fresh in your mind, and so you will not forget those commands of repentance you have heard. From the Word of the Lord within: "If you believe, you will keep fresh what you have heard, my word. Why should I teach you if you don't write down what I tell you?"

Do not share your messages with others unless you are specifically instructed to do so. The messages you hear are for you, not anyone else. The Lord will often permit you to share messages with those who are in your immediate family **if** they too are waiting on the Lord and seeking Him as their life's highest priority. In sharing messages with others there is a danger that your pride will be increased, thereby damaging you; and until you are authorized by the Lord, there is a substantial risk of sharing a message that is not from the Lord, but from the enemy.

The Lord's Watching Over Us

Don't look to the Lord for specific answers to one of your worldly problems; he knows your problems and will guide you if necessary, or he will fix the problems without you recognizing his work. Don't waste waiting time trying

to get answers to specific questions in your life. Continue through life making the best decisions you know how, and everything will go well.

While we are seeking, the creator of the universe is watching over us, protecting us, planning for us, moving the world to our benefit, and always there for us. With this assurance, we know that everything that comes our way is his will for us; and whatever happens, even if it appears to be a problem at the time, we know as it is written, **all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose; and because we obey his commands, he knows we love him.** So we know that everything that happens to us has been willed by God, to help us grow, and we have a peace that is based on the love of God to us. We can cast all of our worries and fears upon him, and depend on him to work everything out to our benefit. We have confidence that he is working for us, even when we can't see how it is happening; we know he controls the whole universe, and to work our life to his union, is effortless for him.

He can control the little details of men's lives without violating their free will and self-confidence. Those chosen by God are protected by Him while they complete their seeking course; but he only provides protection to those who are seeking him in love and whom he has called; from the Word of the Lord within: "**All other people, destined for reconciliation after this life, live without protection.**" We have free will, but with *the little details*, he can move us around like chess board pieces **and not violate our free will**, because *the insignificant details* that he controls don't violate our heart's principles, (however evil they are), or our self-confidence; choices that follow our heart's principles and affect our self-confidence are made by us independently, and **He does not override those decisions in anyone.**

From the Word of the Lord within:

"If people want to make a bad-choice decision, that's their prerogative."

So, **do not believe** that God has caused someone around you to do something evil that affects you. He protects your life so that you can be completed, but He does not stop those around you from doing wrong.

Do not take this watching over you to be safety for participating in dangerous activities by choice. Remember Christ was tempted to cast himself from the top of the temple, with the assurance that the angels would catch him; he replied, 'you shall not tempt the Lord your God.' From the Word of the Lord within as a warning to everyone: "**drunkenness can make you so loose that you kill yourself.**" Drunkenness can result from drugs or alcohol.

He has to show us each and every problem we have, many that are hidden, and lead us (by moving the world around us if necessary) to feeling the pain of our problems — pain so great that when we are tempted, instead of a trigger to fail, it becomes a trigger to succeed. The sooner you understand that **everything** that happens to you has been arranged to help you grow, the sooner you will be able to forgive, and the sooner you will be at peace, rather than angry or resentful. This life is an illusion. God is **far** more powerful and at work around you **far** more than you can imagine. For those whom he loves and calls, he controls **everything** around them. (This arrangement of circumstances **only** occurs for those whom he loves and calls.) And if you have a deep hunger, he loves you and has called you. The hunger is his. It is his way of drawing you to him. So you will starve and mourn, and starve and mourn. But you will eventually be filled and comforted. It works. Trust Him. He created you. He is **in** you. He knows you much better than you do. He will change you to be like Him, leading you to purity and then to union with Him in the Kingdom within, where you walk by the Light of God.

He told me, "**live in the fortress of faith where it doesn't matter if someone gives you a kiss or hits you with a baseball bat.**" So if I get hit with a baseball bat, he expects me to learn the necessity of forgiving: to

ignore it, despite the pain suffered and wrongness of the person wielding the bat. Your life is an obstacle course, designed by God, for you to crawl over and through, learning to forgive and love despite the pain and injustice. This life is a boot camp to produce a soldier of love, whose weapon is the sword of the Spirit, the living word of God. When you realize it is God who has allowed, (*allowed* but **not** *motivated*), that person to be rude, ugly, and painful to you, you can easily forgive them because they are just an obstacle of potential resentment, whose offense is to be overlooked, (or if not overlooked, to produce the pain of resentment), thus being used by God to help you spiritually progress.

Do not take his watching over you as justification for going into debt, thinking God will bail you out and wants you to enjoy life on borrowed money; for it is written, "owe no man anything, but to love one another."

Rom 13:8.

When I ran my former business, many of our purchases were on Net 30 terms, particularly those with a standing monthly repeat requirement; most of those purchases were made with vendors who preferred to do business on a Net 30 basis. However, I always had the cash on hand to pay those bills as they were incurred.

Now I routinely use a credit card to make most of my purchases, however I have an automatic payment of the balance due every month. So again, I use the debt as a convenience; but the debt is always covered with cash on-hand and paid in full automatically. I could use a debit card instead, but there are two disadvantages to that: 1) I get at least 1 % rebate on credit card purchases, but a debit card has no rebates; 2) the bank easily cancels all fraudulent purchases on a credit card, but a debit card withdraws money from your bank account immediately, and it is difficult to get it restored.

The Lord has never objected to my uses above of debt. The net: **if you use debt as a convenience, always able to pay it back if suddenly required, I don't see a problem. Otherwise, debt should be avoided unless it is some emergency that requires going into debt.**

For more on debt, see George Fox's Letter 200.

If your pride gets you into some kind of worldly trouble, he will let you fall, to humble you; for it is written, "when pride comes, then comes shame." But, if humbled, it is his love for you that is still at work disciplining you; just keep seeking with added confidence of having been disciplined.

And as we are seeking, we have his promises to fall back on and be reassured, we have his words of encouragement whispered to us as we quietly seek him, we have his commands to comfort us that we are indeed under orders, we have his discipline to remind us that he loves us and will not let us fail, and we have the changes he makes in us as proof — as long as we keep coming back to Him and seeking him in solitude.

The Ministry of Condemnation

The Ministry of Condemnation is an integral part of *the new covenant*, established by God, and of which Christ is the mediator; as you wait on God, **the commands requiring your repentance that you hear from the Spirit are new laws of the new covenant, written in your heart:**

"For this is the [new] covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they will be to me a people." Heb 8:10

The words he speaks to us are spirit and *life*, imparting the *life* of God to us

as **his spoken words are engrafted into our heart**, John 6:63, James 1:21. These words are teachings and commands; **those commands requiring your repentance become laws** that **he puts into our mind and writes them into our heart**. **Each law you receive is added to the inner law in the heart**. From the Word of the Lord within: "When you have *heard* the dead words in the Bible and recall them, heed what is said; always obedient to His commands. **You must obey every law the Spirit establishes.**" When you obey the commands to repent, by grace even the desire for that sin is removed from your heart. This process is repeated, first with your actions, then your words, and then your thoughts; until you have crucified your carnal mind and sinful nature — **this is how you die to the law by means of the law.**

For you to be free from this inner law, by which all men shall be judged, you must submit to God condemning the sins in your flesh, with commands **tailored to your life's circumstances and that you hear when waiting on Him; those commands are established as *additional laws in your heart***, in which are all the laws you must obey and continue to obey until you are completely crucified, to then walk in love and liberty under no laws because you are continuously guided by the Lord who supplies your every word to be spoken and everything to do.

Conviction

So until you have been purified, until you have crucified the sinful nature, until the love of God has been perfected in you, the Spirit of God, by grace teaches you to deny ungodliness and the lusts of the world. Tit 2:11-12. The Spirit of God searches your heart and shows you the secret sins within, condemning the sins, and charging you with them and then removing them in conjunction with your repentance.

(Yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. Luke 2:35

I the LORD search the heart, I try the mind, Jer 17:10

I am he who searches the minds and the hearts. Rev 2:23

he [Jesus] who searches the hearts, Rom 8:27

You have set our sins before you, (what we have hidden), by the light of your face. Psa 90:8

But all things [sins] reprov'd are made manifest [revealed] by the light. For whatever reveals is light. Eph 5:13

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and expose the motives of your hearts. 1 Cor 4:5

For the word of God is quick [living], and powerful [active], and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor and judge of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Heb 4:12

These things you have done, and I kept silent; you thought that I was entirely like you. But I will reprove you and set my charges [of your sins] against you in order before your eyes. Psa 50:21

When you go to the teacher, at some point, you will see yourself wholly addicted to sex, as I saw myself. I could see how everything I did in life was to increase my prestige, power, influence, image, looks, etc. — all in hopes of making myself more attractive to the opposite sex. Until I was shown it, I would not have believed it.

George Fox was translated into the paradise of God where he then lived; but

Fox still walked the earth too, resurrected with Christ in him, guiding his every word and deed. In his [Letter 145](#), George Fox identified this whole process of conviction to be the ministry of condemnation:

"So first learn **the ministry of condemnation** in yourselves,
that life may arise, before the ministry in
the spirit is known,
which preaches peace by Jesus Christ,
where there is no strife.
Therefore wait to **know the time of
silence** and
**mind [heed] that which condemns
you.**"
(From George Fox's [Letter 145](#).)

"For if **the ministry of condemnation is glorious**,
how much more does the ministry of righteousness exceed in glory." 2 Cor 3:9.

Fox further wrote in his [Journal](#) the following:

I also saw how people read the scriptures without a right sense of them and without duly applying them to their own states. For when they read that death reigned from Adam to Moses; that the law and the prophets were until John; and that the least in the kingdom is greater than John; they read these things as not applicable to them, and applied them to others, (and the things were true of others), **but they did not *turn inside to find the truth of these things in themselves***. As these things were opened in me, I saw death reigned over them from Adam to Moses; from the entrance into transgression, **until they came to the Ministry of Condemnation, which restrains**

people from sin that brings death.

The Lord condemns the sin in you, **but He does not condemn you**; He never upbraids you, He never threatens you, He is never harsh in communicating to you. He only condemns sin: the works of the devil in you.

For this purpose **the Son of God is revealed [in us], that he might destroy [in us] the works [sin] of the devil.** ^{1 John 3:8.}

George Fox wrote further of this condemnation of sin by Jesus :

For Christ is manifest [revealed] in the flesh, to condemn sin in the flesh, to all who witness Christ *in* them, male and female; I say, **Christ is manifest in *their* flesh**; he condemns the sin that is in their flesh; yes, and makes an end of sin, and finishes the transgression, and brings everlasting righteousness *into* them. **But first he condemns the sin that is in their flesh**, the unrighteousness in their flesh, and ungodliness in their flesh; the liar, the swearer, that is in their flesh; the adulterer, the fornicator, the idolater, and all sin, whatever it is, he condemns in the flesh. So Christ is manifest in the flesh, to condemn the sin that is in the flesh; everyone who witnesses Christ condemning sin in the flesh, that they through Christ, who condemns sin in the flesh, might become God's righteousness, and so God's new person [creature]. But the sin being uncondemned in the flesh, they are of the serpent, of the unrighteous one, of the ungodly one, who adulterated from truth, they are his. But the sin being condemned in the flesh, **Christ is manifest in the flesh**, so that they become Christ's; they are God's, and are *in* Christ, who destroys the devil and his works, which are out of truth. And these know the new life, which God is served in; and these know the new earth, in which dwells righteousness; and these know the old earth, in which dwell unrighteousness. And these can bring

forth things old and new.

To think the convicter is the accuser is unpardonable, because you will run rather than **stand and focus on the light which shows you your condition**; stand still and focus on the Light that is showing you your condition, and finally strength will come, and you will be different, stronger in that area from then on. But if you run, you can go back, and not run; you get as many chances as you will take. **When the Light shows you a problem, it is never in an upbraiding manner; it is gentle, immediately recognizable, but shameful — shame like a when a friend or a kind father points out a fault you didn't want to know about — but not harsh or critical — gentle, easily accepted, generating regret and sorrow on your part. After you are purified, you benefit from the Ministry of Life and Righteousness, but until then, you must be under the Ministry of Condemnation through the cross. For if the ministry of condemnation is glorious, how much more does the ministry of righteousness exceed in glory.** 2 Cor 3:9.

If you make mistakes or commit sins while seeking, (and you will), just regret them, resolve to do better, and forget them. Learning is why we are here. Your mistakes teach you. Forget about committing "an unpardonable sin;" that referenced people seeing Christ's miracles and attributing them to demons — how could they ever seek him thinking he had a demon? That's the unpardonable sin, (unpardonable for the duration of your mistake), rejecting the Holy Spirit as a demon. Yes, it is possible even today to think the Holy Spirit is a demon, especially in as you are waiting, watching, and listening; you can mistake the conviction of the Holy Spirit as "the accuser of the brethren," assuming you are already a "brethren," which you are not until you have been purified and made one by Christ.

From the Word of the Lord within:

- Christianity has no idea what I am or for what I stand.

- They have missed the mark.
- They have ignored my commands to turn from sin.
- Often they block me, thinking I am an evil spirit.
- Many people use the visitation of this web site to remove the blocking of past visitations.

Many have been taught that because they "believe in Jesus" they are *in Christ*, and therefore they should not be subject to any condemnation, based on the scripture: There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are *in Christ Jesus*, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Rom 8:1

To walk after the Spirit is to be led by the Spirit in thoughts, words, and deeds. *If* you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Gal 5:18. To walk after the flesh is to walk according to your carnal mind and evil heart, before it has been cleansed and purified; **until then you are not *in Christ Jesus*** because you are still walking in the flesh — in your lusts, desires, affections, pleasures, pride, anger, vanity, fear, worries, plans, etc.

To be *in Christ*, you must be through with sin completely. (Click to see the scriptures that prove this).

Secret Sins vs. Obvious Sins

When you are **shown your sin, (as in a vision with understanding)**, that is clearly the Light revealing a sin or sinful habit of which you were not conscious before; the light shows us the secret sins of our heart. Those secret sins are mostly shown in the beginning of a person's walk.

It has been years since I have been shown a sin in the light, but since then I have received countless spoken commands to repent from something that I can easily understand and accept immediately — there are no surprises

when He *speaks* of something that I must cease.

The surprises, (the secret sins that you are not aware of), are what the light has to show us for it to be received without shock, doubt, or denial. Spoken commands that we hear or recognize can come throughout the day, though the vast majority come while waiting. As we progress, we can more frequently walk and hear at the same time.

There are probably several secret sins still in my heart to be revealed; and when I am ready to see them, I am sure He will reveal them. Some will not be revealed until the last few minutes of our journey when the man of sin is revealed, which will probably be a shock to see the extent of the evil that has ruled us in the past, but which still lives until He destroys it completely.

Removal of Sin

The Spirit by grace not only charges a man with sin, with repentance on a man's part, the Spirit then removes the sin from his heart:

That which shows him his sins, and troubled him for them, would show him his salvation; for he who shows a man his sin, is the same who takes it away. George Fox

In whom you will be circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision performed by Christ. Col 2:11

But he is a Jew, who is one inwardly; and the circumcision is that of the heart, by the Spirit, and not by the letter; whose praise is not from men, but from God. Rom 2:29

For if you live after the flesh [the sinful nature], you will die; but **if through the Spirit you mortify [put to death] the**

deeds of the body, you will live. Rom 8:13

He who commits sin is of the devil, for the devil sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God is revealed [in us], that he might destroy [in us] the works [sin] of the devil.** 1 John 3:8

From the Word of the Lord Within:

- People have not heard of the grace of God, which separates from sin.
- So all that seek their hope through the gospel, the power of God takes hold of a man and makes him holy.
- Grace destroys sin.
- The Spirit of Grace both charges and removes, just like Jesus said 'repent,' and also healed.
- We go to him, and he rains help on us; well does this exercise of God purify those who do.
- My words are spirit and they impart life. The words you keep rise up to purify you.
- The Spirit makes a man holy.
- The changes that the Spirit makes are long lasting.
- The Spirit works in a man to make him clean and holy — to put him at ease, at rest, clean, and supreme.

When waiting on God, and you are shown something ugly about yourself by the Light, don't draw back; realize it is the Light showing you your condition, and He is doing this to help you be rid of it and to become a better person; and that Christ has died for you so that you need not panic. Don't take thought about confessing what you are shown, and don't think about all you will lose; both draw you away from the light; instead **remain to focus on the Light that shows you your condition.** And then, just when you don't expect it, strength will come; and whatever you have been

shown, you will have strength to be different from then on. You may not see the Light. You may only see what the light is showing you. That is all you need. If you can't see the Light, just focus on the fact that the Light is showing you your condition. This is what George Fox called the first step to peace; he also said this process, repentance in the Light, *"is the cross."* From the Word of the Lord within: **"If a vision or understanding makes you sad, look at the cross."**

When clearly shown an evil practice or desire in your heart by the light, you may think you need to start apologizing or confessing the sin shown; but that will only draw you out of the light and inhibit your progress. It is enough that you do not deny what you see as true, and the Lord knows that you believe what he is showing you to be true without your taking the time to confess; your remorse will be noticed by him without a single thought being formed in words. Then he can complete his desire to impart the strength to you to change your behavior from what he has shown you. From the Word of the Lord within: "My true friends take no thought of confessional; don't take the time when you get a clear view."

The Lord has told me: **"there is no evil that I have not already had in front of my hands and eyes."**

So when you see yourself, don't think you are the most evil person ever to live; you're not.

When you see the extent of your evil, as the Lord said: **"everyone thinks he is the worst sinner to ever live."**

This is how to **mortify [put to death] the deeds of the body that are of the earthly life:** fornication, impurity, inordinate affections, evil lusts of the flesh, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Col 3:5

From George Fox's Journal:

This is the word of the Lord God to you all; what the light makes manifest and discovers, as temptations, distractions, confusions;

do not look at the temptations, confusions, corruptions; but at the light which discovers them and makes them manifest; and with the same light you may feel over them, to receive power to stand against them. The same light which lets you see sin and transgression, will let you see the covenant of God, which blots out your sin and transgression, which gives victory and dominion over it, and brings into covenant with God. For looking down at sin, corruption, and distraction, you are swallowed up in it; but **looking at the light, which discovers them**, you will see over them. That will give victory, and you will find grace and strength; there is the first step to peace. That will bring salvation; and by it you may *see to the beginning*, and the "Glory that was with the Father before the world began;" and come to know the seed of God; which is the heir of the promise of God, and of the world which has no end; and which bruises the head of the serpent, who stops people from coming to God. That you may feel the power of an endless life, the power of God which is immortal, which brings the immortal soul up to the immortal God, in whom it does rejoice. So in the name and power of the Lord Jesus Christ, God Almighty strengthen you.

When you listen to the voice and obey commands heard or understood from the Light, you are acknowledging this Teacher within you as Christ; you have *received* and acknowledged Christ. Just like when Christ asked Peter, "whom do you say I am," and he said: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.' Mat. 16:15-18. Christ said, Upon this **rock** I will build my Church — the **rock** solid understanding that he who speaks to you is the Son of God, which the gates of Hell cannot prevail against.

Whoever **comes to me**, and listens to My words and **does [practices, obeys] them**, I will show you what he is like. He is like a man who built a house, and dug deep and laid the foundation securely built on a **rock**; and when the flood arose,

the torrent beat violently upon that house, but could not shake it because it was founded on a **rock**. Luke 6:47-8

He builds his Church on a rock solid foundation. He builds himself in you on a rock solid foundation.

And if you come to him, listen, and obey what you are told to do, you will have a foundation that takes you past the gates of Hell with its storms and tribulations. And when you *receive the light*, the persecution intensifies, just as it did with George Fox; his temptations and opposition increased dramatically. Remember the former days, in which, after you were enlightened, you endured a great fight of afflictions. Heb 10:32.

From the Word of the Lord within: "**Whatever you overcome and go back into is far harder the second time to overcome.**" If you receive a command from the Lord to repent from something, or if you are convicted in the Light for something you have been doing, do not disobey that command or ignore that conviction. To have overcome it, is to have stopped it with the Lord's help, which comes when he orders you to do something or when His light convicts you of something, and you obey continually until you have overcome it completely. Then you would have received supernatural help, and if you decide to return to your sin that you had overcome, **it is far harder to overcome that sin again.**

Do not confuse what you have decided to turn from yourself vs. what you have overcome in obedience to what the Lord has convicted you of and/or commanded you to repent from. Fleshly efforts of self often fail, and you are not disobeying the Lord unless He had commanded you to stop something. So if you decided on your own to stop something, then you didn't have His orders or help. Since you didn't have His help, you didn't overcome it, you only abstained from it, and that usually leaves you struggling to not repeat it again. Those efforts are commendable and **you should do your best to abstain from all evil**; but if you slip back, you should not feel you are at major risk to be able to repent again by self-will. You should feel bad that

you are so weak that you can't stop doing something, but that should be your motivator to go to Him with sorrow for your weakness **but hope** for His change that will make you strong enough to overcome it. Even worse, if you have successfully ceased a particular sin, (i.e., sin A), after hearing the Lord's command you to do so, do not let a failure of your fleshly efforts to cease sin B become an excuse to indulge in sin A again.

Even Your Thoughts Have to Die

When man decided to eat from the tree of knowledge so he could judge good and evil like God, he became a selfish spirit removed from the image, direction, and presence of God. Each of us makes our own decisions with our mind as to what is good for us and what is bad for us. We all make different decisions based on what we think we want. Different people have different standards of conduct and behavior. We are selfish creatures looking for ways to increase our pleasures and comforts; we are like beasts on the prowl looking for their next meal. The Holy Spirit must show us how captive (addicted) we are to our lusts, pleasures, habits, anger, pride, and self-gratification — and how this self-centered behavior is at the expense of others around us. The word and light show us the defects in our heart, one at a time, exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and intents of the heart. With our regret and sorrow for conditions exposed by the Holy Spirit, we receive help from the Holy Spirit to change. This conviction and condemnation of our beastly nature is the Ministry of Condemnation. When we have been sufficiently purged or purified of our selfish, sinful nature, then we receive the Ministry of Life or additional spirit from Christ; until finally we are restored to the image, direction, and presence of God.

From Letter 58: The teachers without exalt the carnal mind, but the teacher within destroys it.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God. For it is not subject to

the law of God, **neither indeed can it be.** Rom 8:7. The carnal mind lusts for things, lusts for people, lives in pride, lies, seeks the honor of men instead of God — wanting to be its own God as Satan promised Adam and Eve. Since the carnal mind *cannot be subject to law of God*, obviously it must be destroyed; from the Word of the Lord within: "that which lives in the enmity must be destroyed." The cross is to man's will and his carnal mind, which must be denied and destroyed so that we do God's will instead, speaking only what He tells us to say, and working according to His orders. The carnal mind must be destroyed by the Spirit of God to be replaced by the mind of Christ. When the carnal mind dies, you are at rest and have peace.

George Fox writes of the carnal mind that must be destroyed by the grace of God:

That mind, which speaks of God, but does not live, nor dwell, nor abide in the fear of God, that mind must suffer, and pass under the judgment of God, for the curse of God is upon that mind; for that mind is earthly, and of the earth, upon which the curse of God is. And that mind may talk of God, and speak of God, but not in union with God, nor from enjoyment of God in the spirit, nor from having purchased the knowledge of him through death and sufferings [of self]; but from hearsay of him, and from custom and tradition.

But the true fear of God destroys that mind, which speaks of him, but does not live in his fear; and that mind is raised up, which abides in his fear; and this is acceptable sacrifice, which is pure, clean, holy, and without spot. Then that which *knows* God, speaks of him, which has purchased the true knowledge of him through suffering; and to such there is no condemnation, but joy and peace. And this mind sings true praises to God, the other in hypocrisy; and therefore the woe is unto it. And this mind is

stayed upon God, the other is gadding after the creatures, committing fornication with other lovers; and speaks of God, but is not subject to God, and must pass through condemnation.

So in humble silence we persistently and patiently wait on God, so that by his grace received, our evil mind is replaced by the mind of Christ.

Cast away from you all your transgressions, by which you have transgressed; and get a new heart, a new mind, and a new spirit. For why will you die, O house of Israel? Eze 18:31

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts. Heb 8:10

Strip yourselves of your former nature that controlled your conduct, which corrupts itself through lusts and desires that spring from delusion;
And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
And put on the newly created nature [of Christ], which is created in God's image of true righteousness and holiness. Eph 4:22-24

And do not be conformed to this world; but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God. Rom 12:2

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Phil 2:5

For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor 2:16

From George Fox's Letter 245

And as your ears are attentive to the Lord's voice, that speaks

from heaven,
iniquity's mouth is stopped in you, the throne of iniquity is
thrown down in you;
that is, the wicked spirit and power, where iniquity sits;
and **the chambers of imagery are thrown down in you,**
where all thoughts and imaginations are.

For the **imagination of man's heart is evil** from his youth. Gen 8:21

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked;
who can know it? Jer 17:9

The LORD knows **the thoughts of man**, and that they are **vanity**. Psa 94:11

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,
says the Lord. For **as the heavens are higher than the earth**, so are My
ways higher than your ways, and **My thoughts [are higher] than your
thoughts.**" Isaiah 55:8-9

I have stretched out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, **who walk
in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts.** Isaiah 65:2

Paul, addressing crucified believers, wrote: "we also all had our conduct in
times past in the lusts of our flesh, **fulfilling the desires of the flesh
and of the thoughts of our mind.**" Eph 2:3

Let **the ungodly forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his
thoughts**; let him return to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him; and
to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:7

Everyone is ungodly and unrighteous until the Spirit has
destroyed their sinful nature on the inward cross of self-denial,
which destroys the selfish, vain, carnal mind with its thoughts.
The basic operation of grace is **teaching us** to deny ungodliness

and worldly lusts, and **how to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.** Tit 2:11-12

The thoughts of the unrighteous are detestable (foul, disgusting) to the LORD, but the words of the pure are pleasant words. Pro 15:26

No one is righteous before being purified, for we, through the Spirit, by faith, patiently wait for the hope of righteousness. Gal 5:5. We persistently and patiently wait in humble silence for the Spirit by grace to **teach us how to live righteously,** Tit 2:11-12, and for the Spirit to destroy of sinful nature, including our carnal mind.

From George Fox's Journal:

THE Lord shows a man his thoughts, and discovers all the secret things in man. And man may be brought to see his evil thoughts, running mind, and vain imaginations, and may strive to keep them down, and to keep his mind in; but cannot overcome them, nor keep his mind within to the Lord. In this state and condition submit to the spirit of the Lord that shows them, and that will bring to **wait upon the Lord; and He that has discovered them will destroy them.** Therefore stand in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, (who is the author of the true faith), and mind him; for he will discover the root of lusts, evil thoughts, and vain imaginations; and how they are begotten, conceived, and bred; and then how they are brought forth, and how every evil member works. He will discover every principle from its own nature and root.

Casting down all our own decisions, and every barrier that is raised up against the wisdom from God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 Cor 10:5. So that we have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor

2:16. You must strip yourselves of your former nature that controlled your conduct, which corrupts itself through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and put on the newly created nature [of Christ], which is created in God's image of true righteousness and holiness. Eph 4:22-24. This does not mean we continue to think with a new set of rules we have learned from the Bible. No; the carnal mind, which is enmity against God, must be destroyed so that we do not think for ourselves any longer. Instead, as a new creature, we rely on the promptings received from God, just like Christ did when he walked the earth; as Jesus said:

I have many things to say and to judge about you; but he who sent me is true,
and **I speak to the world only those things that I have heard from him.** John 8:26

Of my own self, I can do nothing. **I judge only as I hear,** and my judgment is just, because **I do not seek my own will,** but the will of the Father who has sent me. John 5:30

For **I do not speak from myself,** but the Father, who sent me, **himself commands me what I should say and what I should speak.**

And I know that [to obey] his command is life everlasting. Therefore, **whatever I speak is just as the Father tells me to speak.** John 12:49-50

The Son can do nothing of himself (by his own will), **but only does what he sees the Father do.** John 5:19

He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of the One who sent him, that man is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him. John 7:18.

So, even Christ did not make his own decisions. Notice, Jesus said **he only did the will of the Father**, not his own. In Mat. 7:21, Jesus said: Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but [only] **he who does the will of my Father** who is in heaven. So here **Jesus tells us what is necessary to go to heaven** — to do nothing of ourselves — to only say what we hear the father tell us to say — to only do what the Father shows us to do — to only judge how we are told to judge by the Father. So, we are not to think for ourselves — we are to only follow the promptings of the Father. We must have our carnal mind destroyed to the point that we speak and act from the promptings of the Spirit of God; **this is the end of obedience — to think, speak, and act according to God's promptings:** Casting down all our own decisions, and every barrier that is raised up against the wisdom from God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ, 2 Cor 10:5. You have probably prayed the Lord's prayer a thousand times, saying "your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," without a clue as to how it could be done. Now you know what it takes — and it is not easily accomplished — only with dedication to seek the Kingdom of God as your first priority, with patient and persistent waiting to hear God, and with obedience to every command you hear.

If Christ did **nothing** except as he was prompted by the Father, how could we possibly think we could act independently, when we are far less than Christ? **We also must have our carnal minds destroyed** to the point that we only speak and act from the promptings of the Spirit of God. Perhaps now you are beginning to see the wisdom of not even speaking of Christ or God, unless you are specifically ordered by the Holy Spirit what to say, to whom to say it, and when to say it.

If any man speaks, **let him speak as the oracles [words] of God**; if any man ministers, let him do it with the ability that God gives, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. 1 Peter 4:11

From the Word of the Lord within:

"Patiently we wait for God's instructions. The godly wait for my instructions for many things shall I come want done. A word spoken from the Spirit requires you to hear what the Spirit says to you. All and only words from Him are to be spoken; the purpose is to prevent anyone from going out without authority, which you can see creates problems. Those who take *directed* action will save theirs and others' lives. If told what to pray for, they can be extremely effective; to pray as heard — righteous expectation. Master following. Everyone hear what the Spirit says; this you do. You do as God has directed and only that; we do as He tells us. God, save us from the sayings of our mouth. Regarding those who run ahead: they are abandoned with cruel, hard knocks. **To serve without hearing is putting your life in danger. Listen to my advice; He will not spare the flock.**"

It is one thing to be drawn into a conversation about God or Jesus with friends or associates, (which is to be avoided); but **it is a very serious error to deliberately talk to others about God or Jesus,** which is dangerous to your life.

..... *(and in regard to normal conversation, the Word of the Lord within has spoken this advice.)*

"All talk is an abomination. Conversation is to be restricted so much that you are ostracized. Let your yes be yes and your no be no. Speak only what you are told to speak. When spoken to, don't be rude; you can answer, but let your words be as few as possible. Avoid foolish conversations. Avoid foolish controversies. Pay

attention to what you are saying; make it brief. Let your words be few, seasoned with grace."

The Lord has even stated that to walk according to the imagination of your own heart is worse than worshiping stone or wooden idols:

Because your fathers have forsaken me, says the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;

And you have done worse than your fathers; for behold, **every one of you walks after the imagination of his evil heart, and therefore you do not listen to and obey me.** Jer 16:11-12.

Why is walking according to your own mind and imagination worse than worshiping stone idols? Because you are making yourself God, deciding for yourself what is good and bad, just like Satan promised Eve: "**you will be like God**, knowing good and evil." Gen 3:5

Paul describes the spirit of disobedience as: fulfilling the desires of the flesh **and of the thoughts of our mind.**" Eph 2:3

Paul warns us: Therefore, this I say and testify in the Lord, that from this time forward **you must not walk as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,** Eph 4:17.

From the Word of the Lord within:

- Your thoughts are not my thoughts.
- At best your thoughts are a vain hiss.
- Those who follow their own brain will weep and mourn; there will be great pain.
- The mind is a terrible thing.

- There is a blessing to make the cessation of the mind permanent.
- You must go on waiting, watching, and listening; then our hearts will be quiet by grace.
- We labor with a cursed mind.
- You will receive a new heart and mind.
- Grow up into the mind of Christ, from which all good thoughts proceed.
- To know is not to think.
- To make decisions is to live in your carnal mind.
- It is many thoughts that make the mortal man.

Therefore I say to you, **take no thought for your life**, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; or for your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

Therefore **take no thought**, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?' or, 'With what shall we be clothed?'

Therefore **do not take thought** and worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will have its own concerns. Every day has enough trouble of its own. Mat 6:25,31,34

And when they bring you to before the synagogues and magistrates and powers, **take no thought how or what you will answer or what you should say; For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what to say.** Luke 12:11-12.

Casting down all our own decisions, and every barrier that is raised up against the wisdom from God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**; 2 Cor 10:5

George Fox described the Sabbath rest of the Christian, as being a rest into Christ Jesus, saying: "Think not your own thoughts, for in Christ we are atop that nature where evil thoughts are, that nature [having been] taken away by Christ. So you should not think your own thoughts, do your own works, [or]

Speak your own words." At spiritual maturity, our thoughts, words, and works must come from God's leading.

Richard Farnsworth, another great early Quaker, further wrote on how suppressing your own thoughts is part of the cross:

Live not in words, but mind the power of words for words that proceed out of a vain, light mind, destroy the simple, and draw your minds out above the cross, to live in words;—and you will form something in your minds to rest in, and so the fleshly mind will be kept alive;—but keep in the cross. The power is the cross to the carnal part in all; and words that come from the life will go to the life, and raise up what is pure in one another; and so you will have unity with what is pure in one another. Being guided by the pure light in you, it will cross what would be forming anything in you; and standing in the counsel of the Lord, it will cross and crucify what would consult with human wisdom and reason. So you will be brought into a discerning, to savor truth from error, both in yourselves, and also in one another,—and to savor everyone's words from what center they arise. By standing in the counsel of the Lord, and keeping in the cross, the old man will be brought to judgment daily; and what is earthly, carnal, and brutish, will be cut down in you; and so there will be a way made for the pure seed to be raised up in you, so that the Lord alone may be glorified by every one of you.

A wise man once said, "all thought is worry, which is lack of faith." All thought is worry or plan for the future, still worry; and worry is lack of faith. Which of you by taking thought can add one moment to his life? Mat 6:27

Man, who originally followed his creator in obedient love, became a rebel to decide his own way, taking thought, thinking and judging what is good and bad for himself. When man is restored into the image of God, he ceases to

make his own thoughts and decisions; instead returning to reverent, loving obedience to his creator, the creator of him and of the universe. Part of this restoration is to destroy the rebellious, self-seeking, self-gratifying mind. This is a lengthy process for most. And as the mind is destroyed, the Lord's guidance fills the void. As your waiting becomes deeper in silence, you will occasionally feel a quiet peace, a stilling of the mind; — and then remember the promise is for peace forever — a quietness and confidence forever — the harvest of righteousness. It is only when you taste this peace that you can begin to understand that you have lived under condemnation all of your past life; it is like a hammer has been striking your head all your life, but until it stops, you never knew it could be different.

To repeat: when our selfish nature is slain, we will unite with the Spirit of Christ, so that we will be obedient in our love for God — and our obedience is by choice, God not having taken away our free will. Love never insists on its own way. But our love for God will make our obedience to his wishes to be the joy of our life.

Letter 60 .- To Friends, to keep in the fear of the Lord.

In every particular, mind that which is pure of God in you,
to guide you up to God, and to keep you in the fear of the Lord,
that you may receive refreshment from God alone in yourselves,
and grow up in the inward man,
nourished and strengthened by that which is immortal.
And delight in that which shows you the deceit of your hearts,
and judges that which is contrary to God,
and be obedient to that which is pure;
so you will see the Lord God present with you, a daily help,
his hand always ordering of you,
and as a shepherd always keeping the dogs from his lambs,
whom he feeds in green pastures, and waters with his heavenly
dew of mercy,

who makes them all fruitful.
The cry of want and poverty shall be no more heard in the land of the living,
but joy, gladness, and plenty.
The wearied soul, that has lain in the pit and in the mire,
and lived in the clouds of temptation, and cried out for want of the Lord,
shall cry plentiful redemption, and say, God is our king,
who filled heaven and earth,
and the voice of our king is heard in our land.
So fare you well in the Lord!
And the Lord God Almighty keep you and preserve you in his mighty power.

George Fox

Preview of Quieting the Mind

The following is teaching from the Lord to explain how we will eventually be helped by Him to quiet our minds permanently.

On 1/18/14 , I first heard the Word of the Lord within say: "Like you, I am very optimistic. There is a time when you will feel locked in." The Lord is referring to a time coming when your mind will feel locked in with only positive, confident, optimistic thoughts.

Immediately after this message I heard from the Word of the Lord within: "Then you will see the mistake that many others make; this is so that sin cannot take advantage of your hunger."

I thought this might occur several days or weeks afterwards. But within a minute I suddenly felt very warm, secure, and

confident — completely positive; it captured me, and I felt "locked in." Then I thought, "wait a minute, what about this and that;" but I then realized it was just worries trying to get a hold on me; so I rejected it.

The Word of the Lord within then said: "It must be denied."

He is referring to the doubts and worries. Those thoughts were not to do anything specific; He will later and below refer to those thoughts as "lacking specificity." Those thoughts were not his orders, they were simply my mind worrying in lack of faith.

I was then back to warm optimism. Suddenly I heard another voice say, "Well, I'll swear and be dammed," (which was an expression I had frequently heard in my youth when something very unlikely happened). I heard the same expression spoken again. Then I heard that same other voice say, "Do this; do this." I realized it was a temptation to be blindly obedient, but it was an obvious sin to be denied; so I did not obey. This was what He was referring to as "the mistake that many others make:" to be so hungry for Him that they drop their watchfulness and obey a tempting voice ordering sin; sin trying to "take advantage of your hunger."

Then back to warm optimism and confidence again, and I immediately heard the Word of the Lord within say, "This is the earth that the Lord has made. This is how to be supremely confident and enter the kingdom: reject all thoughts with a lack of specificity."

The earth that the Lord has made, (which is the earth in man's heart), was full of warmth, confidence, and optimism before the fall of Adam; after the fall, the earth in man's heart became the opposite — full of worries, doubt, vanity, arrogance, and fear —

as is the entire world around us. To enter the kingdom with the new heaven and new earth, we must learn to reject all thoughts that do not direct us to do something moral and specific; we must reject all doubts and worries, relying only on those orders from Him that do not violate our understandings and commands relating to sin.

The above is a microcosm of what we will experience as we approach the kingdom. I look forward to again being "locked in" with warm, confident, positive optimism — hopefully the next time forever.

Doubts

It is easy to sometimes feel sorry for yourself, due to prolonged dryness, to a failure on your part, or due to suffering through tribulation/persecution. Self-pity is damaging to your progress; so no matter how justified you sometimes feel in your self-pity, it is only a disguised doubt of Christ working for you when you can't see the results; doubt the doubt. I used to spend time in self-pity, until he said, "**one thing is certain, this has to stop.**"

Refuse to entertain thoughts that denigrate or diminish your progress so that when tribulation comes, you will not be overwhelmed to bitterness. From the Word of the Lord within: "Practice being clean so you will be ready for tribulation." When waiting on God, there is sometimes something in us that blurts out horrible words, often against God. It seems to happen whenever we allow our minds to fall into the slightest doubts about our progress, into worries about our failures, or when we sink into self-pity. It slips its words in between our thoughts, sounding just like we have thought it; yet it often does not follow a train of our own thoughts, so it leaves us in doubt whether we actually thought it or not. However, when it happens, it is very distressful and can be paralyzing to our immediate efforts. From the

Word of the Lord within: "Every man has a creature that cries out." It is not you; it is the selfish, evil spirit that is deliberately trying to discourage you. Dismiss all negative thoughts, doubts, and self-pity; regret that your negative thinking gave rise to utterance, then ignore it and return to your waiting on God.

The Lord taught me a technique to stop severe negative thoughts, even stopping severe despair; and despite its simplicity, it really works — and works every time! Force yourself to smile with a big open mouth grin; if you do this, your blues will disappear in less than a minute. I find it almost impossible to think anything negative when I do this. Yes, I know it sounds too good to be true, but **it really works** while waiting on the Lord or in any activity of your day. The Lord further told me, "keep smiling until you are in the kingdom."

There is another technique that He taught me to chase the worries away. In a trial where I was worrying instead of waiting in silence, I heard him several times say: "exercise." In response I increased my daily exercises. He repeated: "exercise." Finally I realized He wanted me to exercise *then*; so I ceased waiting, did a couple of very tiring exercises, and came back to waiting on Him. Much to my surprise my mind was clear of worries; I felt very positive about the future and instead of frightful worries, I had a heart full of love to God. So you might try it yourself next time you are worried and unable to quiet your mind; and if you ever hear him say "exercise," you will know that He wants you to exercise immediately.

Doubts will come. My wife was told by Him when doubts arose to "**drop thought.**" Don't entertain doubts. Don't write doubts down. Don't speak them out loud. Don't tell your fellow seekers your doubts. All of these just strengthen the doubts. He told me, "Eventually the Light will destroy all doubt." A wise man told me, "doubt the doubt." Cast all your cares and worries on Him. Doubt is the opposite of faith, so you can logically destroy doubt by doubting the doubts. Know it is just your mind, which is hostile to

God. A wise Easterner wrote, "stop thinking because all thoughts are just worries — the opposite of faith." Jesus said, "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life." George Fox wrote: Doubt not, faint not, question not.

The devil will try to get you to doubt the commands from Christ as really coming from Christ, hoping you will disobey the commands of Christ. Don't. Remember, the devil will not give you commands to depart from evil; that would not serve his purpose. Do not doubt your convictions and understandings of your evil.

George Fox also expressed the challenge throughout the journey to completion of your salvation: **to walk the fence between presumption and despair**. It is a fine line, one easy to fall off of in either direction. Presumption is to think you have arrived, start teaching without explicit authorization and command, and/or to relax from your persistent seeking. Despair is to believe that you will never make it; it is too hard; you are too wicked; or some other doubt. Either is wrong. When you find yourself falling off on either side, climb back up, and keep walking. Remember, it is God who is running the show; he doesn't fail. And remember, you must persevere by continuing to seek him daily, and with increasing frequency as you are able. Do this, and you will stay walking the fence until you reach home.

Until we can stop thinking, we are told to think on whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8

The opposition will tempt you to despair over any mistake you have made. Don't! As Paul said: this one thing I do: forgetting those things that are past, and reaching forth to those things that are ahead, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:13-14. From the

Word of the Lord within:

- "Once you have expressed sorrow over the past, it is redundant to bring it up again.
- Forget the feelings of having past failed.
- Through guilt you can become entangled again.
- Forgetting what lies behind, we press onward."

If we wallow in our guilt over past sins, we reach despair, losing all hope, making it very easy to return to our old ways of sin. If we lose our hope and enter despair, then we no longer have the motivation to seek the Lord's changing grace, and we look for comfort elsewhere — the lusts and pleasures of the world, thus becoming entangled in sin again.

The Lord only exposes those sins that we are unwilling to admit, face, or those of which we are not even conscious. What we regret having done in the past, He will not even bring up the first time. **The Lord will never go over our sins twice.** However, the devil will repeatedly bring up our past sins, and he will repeatedly imply that we have made mistakes which disqualify us; but his accusations are lies and not to be believed because the Lord's way is totally the opposite. To the Lord, the past is past, and if we are resolved to be different, the past is history forgotten by Him, and to be forgotten by us. When we enter union with Him, He is going to [sprinkle His blood in our consciences](#) so that we can't remember our past sins, making it possible to stand in His and the Father's presence with joy and peace, but without guilt or sorrow.

If we let ourselves be condemned for the past, our despair can not only cause us to lose hope, but also cause us to become reduced to self-pity. We can feel sorry for ourselves, believing we have been treated unjustly, perhaps even getting angry at God. The defense is obvious: God is perfectly just for He is by definition *just* and *fair*; God is pure; God is total love; God does not make mistakes for He is perfect; so the problem is us, not Him. Now we

must bring to mind that He does not keep record of our past wrongs that we have once faced up to, and that He is standing by, waiting to help us to become further sin free, pure, and holy — but we must put aside those doubts and feelings of failure, renew our hope of salvation, trust in his kindness and mercy, depend on his infinite power, and press on to purity, holiness, joy, peace, love, even union with Him in his presence forever.

When in sorrow we find ourselves to have dropped our cross and fallen into the dust; we stand up, dust ourselves off, pick up our cross, and press on to the everlasting joy awaiting us at the end of our journey.

The Opposition (testing in the process of purification)

The Lord's words and visions are always kind, clear, moral, loving, and understandable. He will never make a statement calling for you to try to figure out what he is talking about; his communications are easily understandable. If you get any message that calls for you to figure out anything, it is not from him, (i.e., a message such as: *'there is a big problem between us'* does not tell me what the problem is — so if I listen to it, I will become fearful that almost anything could be the big problem — this is not the way the Lord teaches — he is always specific, clear, gentle, and easily understood). His communications come with immediate understanding. He never asks questions, (unless he gives you the answer in the same sentence), because that calls for you to make a conclusion — which could be erroneous. Everything from Him will also be moral as tested with scripture from the Bible. He said, **"To know what the Bible says is wrong is worthy, all my great men knew the scriptures."** He told me, **"If you don't thoroughly understand something, do nothing and wait for clearer understandings;"** and don't worry about an unclear message and what it might mean — it is not from the Lord. He also said to me, **"only do what I tell you clearly what to do and when to do it."**

I don't want to frighten anyone, but after the Lord has prepared you, the enemy will appear. The enemy does not want you to hear from the Lord and will try to confuse you, discourage you, sidetrack you, play to your weaknesses, pretend to be Jesus, quote scripture, and generally be a nuisance to your efforts. The enemy is fallen angels, demons. Later they will subject you to Tribulation. But they are under control by the Spirit of God. Their work is to bring your lusts and pride to the surface **so you can choose to avoid evil**. It is a tough time of testing, but one whose rewards for completion greatly outweigh the efforts required. Be sober and vigilant, because your adversary, **the devil**, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Temptations

From George Fox's Journal:

Temptations grew more and more, and I was tempted almost to give up hope and quit. And when Satan could not succeed against me in that way, he placed traps and lures in front of me to draw me to commit some sin, by which he might take advantage to bring me to depression or defeat. I was about twenty years of age when these exercises came upon me, and **for some years I continued in that condition in great trouble**, and would have been very glad to get rid of them.

When I was in the deep, under all shut up, I could not believe that I could ever overcome; my troubles, my sorrows, and my temptations were so great, that I often thought I should give up all hope in despair, and it was very tempting.

Still, I was sometimes under great temptations, and my inward sufferings were heavy; but I could find no one to tell about my condition except to the Lord alone, unto whom I cried night and

day.

The Lord showed me that the natures of those things which were destructive in the outside world were also within in the hearts and minds of evil men: the natures of dogs, swine, vipers, of Sodom, and Egypt, Pharaoh, Cain, Ishmael, Esau, etc. The natures of these I saw within, though people had been looking without. I cried to the Lord, saying, 'Why should I be in this condition, seeing I was never addicted to commit those evils?' And the Lord answered, 'It was needful I should have a sense of all conditions, how else should I speak to all conditions?'

Then I could say that I had been in spiritual Babylon, Sodom, Egypt, and the grave; but by the eternal power of God I had come out of it, was brought over it, and by the power of it into the power of Christ.

The enemy will reason with you to do something wrong, such as "what you really need is more of what you lust after;" some twisted logic, like Jezebel in the Revelation Thyatira church who somehow convinced the other members that adulterous sex with her was good; perhaps some pitiful twisted logic like "cleansing in the church setting" or "transporting to purity or 'healing' through rapturous sex." Or, if you have a lust for alcohol or some drug, you will be tempted to believe that staying high on whatever brings you closer to God. They also use the logic that you need to get really sick of some habit before it can be eliminated; so you need more experience of falling to the habit in order to be able to repent. Don't laugh, we each have our weak points, and the enemy knows them. These are fallen angels. They still have power. They can read minds.* They know what is in your heart by listening to your thoughts. They appeal to your individual lusts and pride. It is your lusts and pride that tempt you, not God allowing you to be tested. They are the agents to bring them to the surface **so that you can choose to avoid evil. They will persist in their appeal to your lusts and affections,**

until you choose without any reservation of your mind to shun evil; this is the test.

* Of the three men who visited Abraham, at least two were angels; the same two men were sent to destroy Sodom. In Job, the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not put forth your hand upon he himself." Satan left and the fire of God fell from heaven, and burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and a great wind from the wilderness struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead. Don't underestimate the power of the fallen angels; reading minds is their least capability; yet greater is he [Christ] who is in you, than he who is in the world.

Aside from tempting you to do something wrong, the voices from the other side are different in spirit: they are *usually* emotional and can be sarcastic, bitter, condemning, taunting, harsh, leaving you to guess what they are talking about; whereas the Lords' voice is kind, gentle, pure, easily understood, easily accepted, peaceable, complete, morally correct, encouraging — never with even a hint of sarcasm, bitterness, or threat — never embarrassing — never incomplete, leaving you guessing what he wants; instead His words are full of love itself — his spirit of Love — for he is Love. His will always be the same voice too.

The other side can intensify sexual feelings to a level you have never experienced in your life, and they do it at a time to tempt you to think you have an overwhelming attraction to some person or that you have an overwhelming need; that should you follow through on your feelings, you would dishonor your body in sin. They can turn up the heat. By even entertaining thoughts of your lust, (they hear your thoughts), or just touching someone, you give license to them to intensify your body sensations; but you don't have to give in to these feelings. They are an

associative feeling to trigger the habitual response of the past; but despite these sometimes overwhelming feelings, they can pass too, without falling to temptation. It is hard to resist, but not impossible. As it is written, no temptation will be so great that there will not be a way to avoid it.

UNDERSTAND THIS: When you are seeking, and you make a mistake while believing you are doing what God wants you to do, you are automatically forgiven; you made the mistake in faith; it was not intentional; so forget it, and keep going, no matter how horrible it appears. **DON'T look back.** Christ has you covered. It doesn't count. If you fail, you are not lost — only delayed. Just regret it, feel your weakness/addiction, ask for help, and keep on seeking.

One thing he made very clear to me: **"he who practices adultery cannot be my disciple; but I do not judge someone coming out of such a relationship, unless they fail to repent;"** so this has to stop before you can make any progress. From the Word of the Lord within, **"there is far too little love in the world today, and I look with favor on any love between men and women."** Remember the Woman at the Well? She had five previous husbands, and was living unmarried with another man. But, Christ selected her, taught her, and then sent her out to witness and preach to the rest of the City. John 4:5-30. So, obviously he was not concerned. She was evidently in a committed relationship. Fidelity is what is important, not a ring; and not a ceremony from a "preacher" or civilian magistrate — neither of which have His authority. You cannot be unfaithful to man and faithful to God. So adults, who are living together in a committed relationship, or people who have divorced and remarried, are not living in sexual immorality, at least in the Lord's eyes. You can be his disciple if you are living together in a committed relationship, but be sure your commitment is a commitment not only of yourself, but your partner also, (a committed relationship requires both parties to be committed, not just one). Realize, when you have matured spiritually to be able to speak and act according to His commands, your lack of a publicly recognized marriage

would be a stumbling block for many people, and for that reason you will probably eventually want to remove that stumbling block out of love for your fellow man. You can get formally married any time you choose, or you can wait until you hear Him tell you to formalize your relationship with a legal marriage for the eyes of the world. The early Quakers' marriages took place in their meetings without a ring and without a man marrying, which you can read about in [George Fox's Letter #264](#). When there are meetings of the true faith established again, marriages will be similarly performed; **until then**, perhaps a Justice of the Peace, a Judge, or the County Clerk, (not a priest or a preacher), is the best alternative for formalizing a relationship into a legal marriage.

The opposition of darkness can also control others around you to the point that they are unreasonable beyond your experience, severely tempting you to anger and rage; but remember this is done with the permission of God and is purposed to help you grow in forgiveness and love. They can turn up the heat. When you can accept that the evil done to you by others, is so that you can grow spiritually through forgiving them, you have made a giant step.

As George Fox said, "whatever you are addicted to, the devil will come to you (cloaked in another's person), to offer you whatever you want." People that you haven't heard from in years suddenly show up, offering you renewed friendship, distraction from seeking God, and temptation to your lusts, affections, and addictions.

Recognize, these temptations can help you become strong. Each time you say no, you get stronger. I, and several people I know, can remember when, in a time we did not seek God, we decided to get married and proposed; immediately afterwards, within minutes, beyond strange things happened. I had not seen an old flame for several years, and suddenly she appears in front of me in line to pay the restaurant tab. Another close acquaintance relates how he proposed, and then got into an elevator, where two women

suddenly start paying him attention, even rubbing their hands on his chest; when he had never experienced such attention in his lifetime. Both incidents were beyond coincidence. Both designed to strengthen our resolve to get married, at a time when we were most able to resist distractions. So you can look at temptations as either a contribution to your downfall, or a strengthening of your moral fiber- depending on how you respond to them. As the master potter continues to mold the clay — eventually bringing you to Him.

Every word you hear the Lord speak to you is Spirit and imparts the life of God to you, as the words you hear Him speak are engrafted into your heart. Those words are the life of God, and the life of God is Christ; so every word you hear increases Christ within you; every word you hear purifies you a little more. From the Word of the Lord within: "Each word heard draws us closer to being protected." Eventually you have so many words engrafted into your heart that Christ can protect you when you are subjected to temptation. This can happen long before you reach perfection. The Lord said to me: "temptation must become a non-event." Although I am not yet perfect, I have experienced what used to be severe temptations to have become non-events. The Lord placed some knock-out women in my path, who in my past would have been a struggle not to ogle or flirt with; but we simply conversed briefly, and I left. Looking back I could see that I had not even noticed their physical beauty; there had been no temptation; I had been drastically changed by the grace of the Lord. This of course was very encouraging and hopeful, and I share the details with you to give you hope that with patient and persistent waiting on the Lord in silent humility, you too will hear enough words to be engrafted into your heart, so that what had been challenging temptations, become non-events; the temptations will disappear. So the more time you spend waiting on the Lord, the quicker you will become free. Those of you who are lying in the mire, this is your solution.

Lust for things, people, and pleasures is an illusion. There is no lasting

satisfaction. You get one thing you want, and you immediately start wanting something else. This is earth school — learning the emptiness in lust for possessions, pleasures, power, wealth, etc., until we decide to look beyond the visible for happiness. Perhaps you can relate to the false joy of Christmas — after the presents are opened, after the big dinner, after the music has stopped — how many times have you felt let down, empty, almost desperate for another fix — go for a walk, take a ride, visit somebody, have a drink — anything to fill the void that you can rarely identify? For worldly joy is transitory, while godly joy is permanent. From George Fox's Letter 245.

So every one of you hear his voice that speaks from heaven,
whose voice shakes the earth, and not the earth only, but the
heavens also.

The heaven imports joy; so all the false joys,
the lifted-up joys, or exalted joys, and joys in vain glory, and joys
in the world,

of any outward thing or creature, and men or women;
his voice that speaks from heaven shakes the earth and the
heavens;

and these must be shaken and removed, both the heavens and
the earth;

before that appears which can never be shaken,
the noble, royal seed, elect and precious, before the world began.

Being heirs of him, come to inherit him;

in him you shall know that which cannot be shaken,
and there is the true joy, in that which is from everlasting to
everlasting,

who is the beginning and ending;

here are not any either lifted up or fallen down to despair.

You must sicken of failure [in your thoughts] so much, that entertaining possible failure in your mind becomes sickening; so much so, that your desire to consider evil is overwhelmed by your revulsion to failure.

Gradually, over a long time, the associative response turns around from being triggered to participate, to being triggered to flee. This is like gold being refined. It is heated by fire until the dross rises to the top; it is scooped off. It is heated again until more dross rises to the top; it is scooped off..... again, again. Until finally, only pure gold remains. Purification.

When you realize your thoughts are being read, and when you realize you are being watched; it can be a little frightening. You can feel like a goldfish in a bowl, being watched. Christ once told me, "**what man fears most is public ridicule.**" This is what we get: ridicule from a public others don't hear. It is tough. It invades our privacy — our private privacy. It is easy to get resentful. Reason with yourself. Understand it is part of the process. You feel condemned, but Christ does not condemn you; he allows this as part of the purification process. It ultimately results in purification and more trust for Christ. It is humbling. You realize how filthy and insignificant you are. The discipline can become a comfort to you, knowing you are in the pressure cooker, which few are privileged enough to experience. (Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.) Yes, even the pain of the rod and staff can be reassuring. To the hungry, seeking soul, even tribulation can be encouraging: The full soul loathes a honeycomb; but to the hungry [seeking] soul every bitter thing [tribulation and chastening] is sweet. Pro 27:7. He will still give you messages and encouragement during the process so that you will not feel alone and abandoned. Several of the Psalms speak to being surrounded by mighty men, like bees, with burning darts, snares, evil words, etc. See Psalms 6, 17, 23, 25, 31, 35, 38, 43, 44, 56, 64, 66, 71, 86, 88, 118, 120, 139, 141; and Job 16:9-14; which are some of the many that reference these supernatural adversaries.

By your steadfast endurance do you possess your soul. And when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that the desolation of it is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Luke 21:19-21 [flee to Christ, the rock, and trust in Him; the scourge will eventually pass].

Deceptions

There are also many voices of deceit to be heard while silent. Some will be voices of your friends and relatives. Some will be your voice. Remember, when they tempted Jesus, they twisted the use of scripture to try to convince him. They will do the same to you, but it won't make sense. If you follow your basic understanding of right and wrong and scriptural definitions of morality, you will do well. A few other points to remember:

- 1) Jesus does not ask questions; that is the role of the tempter, starting in the garden with Eve when he questioned her, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" George Fox reminded us of this in his Letter 212.

Doubt not, faint not, question not;
for Eve was deceived by the serpent, *the*
***questioner*;**

therefore keep over him in the power of God, and in that is the reigning.

And take not belief from the serpent, nor take meat from him,

but keep your fast from that which is in the fall;

for that brings from the Lord,

to feed upon the accuser and the tempter's food, that feeds unbelief.

And therefore keep your fast to the Lord,

and feed upon that which comes down from above, in which there is life;

and that strengthens the faith which has the victory.

A question calls for a conclusion. Jesus, our Teacher, gives us understandings and commands, not

questions without answers.

2) Don't fall for them using your love for Him: "Would you do 'this' for me?" — when 'this' is something that is scripturally wrong. I know someone who had a painful vision of Jesus falling down while carrying the cross, and having great difficulty in trying to get up to keep walking; and then she heard a voice say, "would you do xxx to help me out?" — asking her to do xxx, which was morally wrong. See how far they will go to deceive you? Wrong is wrong. They read her thoughts and knew there was something in her that wanted to do something like that, so they tried to set her up. Remember, Jesus has not gone modern. He does not change with time or as the morals of society change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Wrong is also wrong — yesterday, today, and forever.

3) Common deceptions based on twisting the scriptures are:

- since I have faith in Christ, I am free from the Law of Sin and Death, and sin is not charged to me.
- since I am 'saved' by grace, I have the righteousness of Christ, without sin, I am free to live as I please.
- since I have been 'saved,' there is nothing I can do that will remove me from the favor of God.
- since I am 'saved' by grace, any work I do, including repentance, will place me under the Law of Sin and Death.
- since I am in the Light, that is the return of Christ. I made it. There's nothing else to receive, (not true).
- since anything not done in faith is sin, then **anything** done in faith is not sin.
- since to the pure all things are pure, there really is no evil to the pure — sin is only in the eye of the beholder.
- since love covers a multitude of sins, anything I do with

love is not counted as sin.

- since God created everything and said it was good, then any drug that I use is good and is not sin.

Wrong, in all of the above. Anyone who practices sexual immorality, uncleanness, lack of restraint, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, arguments, jealousies, rage, selfishness, divisiveness, envies, murders, drunkenness, revelries [partying], and the like **will not inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.** Wrong is wrong. When you are truly born of God, you will do none of these deeds of darkness above.

4) They will appeal to your pride by tempting you to teach or preach or witness before you are **clearly told what to do and when to do it** or before you have the words spoken with aid of the Spirit. Don't! This is the test to see if you, like Nimrod, are going to run ahead of your guide, rather than follow. You don't want to hear him say to you, "who has required this at your hand." You are not qualified or authorized to preach or teach until you can hear from the Spirit **every word** to speak just before speaking. If you speak words from your own mind, you are seeking your own glory; but you will only incur the Lord's condemnation. Don't even speak the words 'Jesus' or 'God,' (unless you are fellowshipping* with others that share the true hope of freedom from sin, purity, entering the kingdom while on earth, and union with God); it is using the Lord's name in vain. Teaching before you are clearly told every word to teach **will halt your progress**; that is why all of the many thousands of teachers and preachers, who have been touched by his spirit, never progress to union and the Kingdom. Anyone who names themselves a 'Christian' without being under Christ's control in speech and actions, is scattering and a stumbling block.

* Fellowship cannot take place until you have words supplied from the Spirit, telling you what to say.

The biggest temptation will be to correct the people of the 'deficit sects' who profess a strong love of God, through faith in the Bible. As George Fox said, "do not try to educate the wise." Christ said, "he did not come to call the righteous, but the sinner." He also said, "if you say you can see, your sin remains." You want to help them see their error; but wait — wait until you have the power of God going in front of you, leading you as to where to go and chaining down your listener so that they have to listen. Some will still reject the truth; but they will have heard your words of truth, clearly spoken from His spirit. From George Fox's Letter 48.

**And again, I charge you all in the presence of
the living God
not to allow your minds to go out to contend
with those who are not of the truth,
in that which is out of the truth,**

*(anyone's mind that has not been destroyed is out
of the truth)*

**both of which are to be condemned with the
truth.**

For the same mind will boast and get up,

*(words spoken from the carnal mind are from
pride and vanity)*

**which is out of the truth and reaches at things
in the comprehension,
though it lives not in it, but is excluded out of
the truth, and shall not enter;**

(you must stop to be able to enter the kingdom)
but is for condemnation.

*(such words heap condemnation on the speaker
and scatter the listeners)*

**And so to you all this is the counsel of the Lord
God of power and of peace,
that in peace you may be preserved
to wait for the spirit of grace, and of wisdom,
and of understanding.**

(when you can speak words from the Spirit)

There are three ways you can be teaching or preaching in error,
running ahead of your guide:

1. To be unintentionally drawn into a conversation about God or Jesus with friends or associates, (which is to be regretted and resolved to not repeat).
2. To be deceived to think the Lord is commanding you to do work for Him, when it is really the devil, which will result in significant delays to your progress, proportional to the spiritual damage you inflict on your listeners as you *scatter the sheep*, even possibly preventing them from hearing the true gospel by someone speaking from the Spirit later. There is more on this subject further below in this section.
3. To purposely talk to *others* about God or Jesus. As George Fox wrote: "that adds to the burden and does not take it off." **That teaching and preaching is a very serious error and dangerous to your life.** There are a few *others* listed below, to which it is sometimes necessary to talk about Jesus or God:

1. talking to an *interested* spouse,

2. a parent fulfilling their responsibility to

teach morals to their children, which would be very hollow without bringing God and Jesus into the discussion, (see [What to Teach Your Children Plus Several Early Quakers' Advice to Children](#)),

3. answering questions from one's immediate family, especially courteous answers to questions from parents. Peter wrote that we should be ready with an answer:

.. be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks the reason for the hope that is in you, with gentleness and reverence; 1 Pet 3:15

A possible explanation, (but whatever you feel comfortable with), is: "I am following the hope of attaining a much closer relationship with the Good Lord than what is taught as possible by the churches today; a relationship so close that I am guided by the Lord in words and deeds, *doing His will on earth as it is done in heaven*, while being in the kingdom when still on earth."

After briefly answering a **few**, (two or three), **sincere** questions, with further **sincere** questions, they should be directed to the web site for answers, you saying, "I am not authorized to teach; if you are further interested, go to the web site."

However, whoever approaches with insincere questions, wanting to argue, you should decline the discussion, saying, "I am not authorized to teach; if you are interested, go to the web site." An argument will harm you, and you should not give what is holy to dogs nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and tear you.

The world is His garden. He is the one with the plan. Until you are under his total control, you cannot help him, you will only scatter. He has told me: "Let no one think we don't see and hear all." He has all the thoughts, words, and actions of all men in his consciousness. It is his battle. Wait until you are totally trained; then do only what he precisely tells you to do and when to do it.

5) They will also tempt you by hinting at what you should do, tempting you to think it is the Lord testing you to see if you are willing to "step out in faith." You will get requests to do something, which are incomplete, leaving you again to fill in the blanks, trying to figure out exactly what it was you were "told" to do. This is not the way the Lord asks; **his requests will be clear as to exactly what to do and exactly when to do it. And if you get instructions to do something that doesn't make good sense to you, don't do it, wait. If it is from the Lord, he will clear it up to where it makes perfect sense; if not, leave it undone, forget about it.**

6) You will get countless visions from the other side. The visions come fast as you start falling asleep. Christ's usually do not. Try not to get so comfortable that sleep is easy; but then if you fall asleep, you probably need the sleep. If they can't convince you to follow the vague vision, they will try to keep your brain working

analyzing them. Some of your visions will be crude. So the best thing to do is immediately ignore them. If they don't make immediate sense, throw them away; don't spend a second trying to figure them out. WE GET SO PARCHED IN THE DESERT, THAT WE BECOME DESPERATE FOR WATER. DRINK WITH CAUTION, remember Gideon's army, (**only drink while keeping alert for the enemy**). If you analyze a vision, you are at least wasting time, but the real risk is that you conclude that God wishes you to do something wrong, which of course he never will. **The Lord's visions come with immediate understanding, requiring no analysis; they speak directly to a condition in your heart which you immediately understand and know.** Ignore written instructions that you "read" in a vision; you cannot hear the spirit of the words when you read them, and this is a way for the enemy to fool you with *kind written words* which avoid the detection of their *usual* sarcastic, harsh, critical, spirits behind the words. Christ's words are always heard with a spirit of love, kindness, gentleness, softness, reassurance, positive, easily understood, easily accepted, never incomplete to leave you guessing, never questioning, and never suddenly contradictory to a string of previous understandings. Immediately ignore written instructions.

Some of your visions or dreams will be showing you what will happen to you in the near future; to show that he, who is speaking to you, is a prophet. But make no effort to fulfill anything you think is going to happen.

The voice of the opposition can be indistinguishable from the voice of the Holy Spirit. The enemy will pretend to be the Lord, always tempting you to do **something wrong that you want to do**, or tempting you to do something that you have been told not to do. **When the enemy succeeds in tempting you, then the messages you receive become 90% plus**

from the enemy, with the Lord only *gently and very infrequently* repeating His warnings and orders that are contrary to what you are doing; but because you have so many more messages from the enemy encouraging you to continue down the wrong path, it is very easy to think the Lord's messages are the enemy's. The enemy also speaks with messages that are obviously not from the Lord, but which criticize or complain about what you are doing wrong, further convincing you that you are right.

Usually one is convinced by the enemy that they are *serving the Lord* in whatever they are tempted to do before they have been sufficiently changed to properly serve Him. Think about the millions of ministers and teachers in Babylon who are teaching flagrant doctrinal errors all the while hearing messages, which they think are from the Lord, but which are *guiding* them and their listeners down the path to destruction. Suppose you think you have been given a gift of healing, a gift of miracles, the authority to teach, etc., but you are not able to speak words from His Spirit that you hear immediately before speaking. Now you perform your *deed for the Lord*, but the only words you have are from your carnal mind; your deed would not serve the Lord because your words would be from the nature of death and could not properly reach the hearts of your listeners. Until your carnal mind has been sufficiently destroyed so that you only have words from the Spirit, (**only** words from the Spirit), that you hear immediately before speaking, you are not fit to serve the Lord doing anything that requires words of explanation or credit to Him; that is a simple test, which you can use to defend yourself from being tempted before you are properly equipped to serve. Remember the teaching by the Word of the Lord within: "When you speak words from yourself, it doesn't matter what you say; you say them with the wrong spirit, and they don't reach the heart of your listeners. " So suppose you are told to go to someone and warn them about what they are doing; unless when you arrive you are sufficiently in His Spirit, (as George Fox wrote about speaking a previous teaching: "be sure the light is up"), to hear the exact and only words to speak, even repeating words from Him that you have heard in the past will be spoken with the wrong spirit; don't do it.

I have asked the Lord why He is not more firm in correcting those of us who have been deceived and are traveling down a wrong path; the answer I received was: "the cure is worse than the disease." Apparently we are left to slowly discover our own mistakes with only His very gentle and infrequent reminders because His *firm* correction would be more harmful to our eventual progress. If you have been deceived and gone the wrong way for some time, it is very easy to become bitter or offended that you were not corrected; don't. Remember the Lord is pure, perfect, kind, gentle, wise, and love Himself; and everything He does or doesn't do is to your ultimate benefit. If He firmly corrected us, either our confidence would suffer too serious a blow, or perhaps we would only fall again to a more subtle scheme to tempt us in the future.

I have been fooled several times, suffering very long delays in my progress. Most of the below guidelines are from the experience of my failures. The guidelines are to protect you from being deceived. **Do not throw caution to the wind when you hear a message that violates any of the below guidelines, confident that you are an exception because you think *the Lord told you to do it*.**

1. Ignore all visions **and dreams** without immediate and clear understanding accompanying them. Do not try to guess what they mean.
2. Until you have seen Jesus appear in your heart to **guide you and bring your salvation**, ignore **any** messages you hear that order or encourage you to spend significant time away from waiting on Him. See 2 Tim 2:4 for more detail. From the Word of the Lord within: "You can spend your time trying to correct evil, or you can spend your time seeking me. Forgo the world. In no way do I diminish those who spend time reading the web site."
3. If you get a partial message, do not try to fill in the blanks or complete

it to your best guess. If the message is important to you, you will hear it completely later. Do not worry, he will repeat anything that is important.

4. Understand that all spiritual beings, including demons, can read your thoughts. That is how they tailor their temptations to your exact desires. They can hear your reasoning, they can hear your doubts, and then they respond to take advantage of even a tiny doubt in the wall of your determination.
5. Understand that God allows the demons to tempt us into following our own lusts, so that they are brought to the surface, to either deny and grow; or fall to, suffer the pain, and eventually repent — with a loss of time.
6. Do not comply with any instruction that is clearly defined as sin in the Bible. No matter how logical the reasoning to violate the moral laws might be, don't do it. Understand that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever — so godliness is the same, so sin is the same — nothing had changed, as defined in the Bible. Jesus has **not** gone modern, adjusting morals to conventional thinking. Society changes, Jesus does not. Sin is sin, and he would **never** lead you into anything that the Bible forbids.
7. Never buy the logic that if you somehow debase yourself, you are demonstrating your humility and willingness to accept a lowly role. The Lord will never request you to debase yourself in some repulsive or immoral act. He will expose your lack of humility, destroy your pride, and bring forth true humility in you; but never through a debasement or immorality.
8. If you receive a change in instructions, which violates your previous understandings, you are to ignore the new instruction; if it is the Lord speaking, he will lead you to understand, step-by-step, why any

reversal he makes is totally logical. Until you have been led with the step-by-step reasoning, ignore any command that violates previous commands or understandings. You will receive many messages that violate a previous understanding or command from the Lord; and because this change allows you to do something that *you really want to do*, you can easily be deceived; **don't be**.

9. Similarly, if you get a command to depart from what you have been doing, a command with a new direction in your natural life, unless there is a foundation of previous commands that have explained the logic and necessity for the change in your direction, ignore it. For example, suppose you get a command to buy something, go somewhere, go see someone, move to another location, change jobs, etc., without you having been previously prepared to understand the necessity of the coming change, then ignore it.
10. Understand that any instruction you get, which does not make good sense to you, should be ignored.
11. Disregard any vision with a message in writing. The Lord speaks with a discernible voice, or with a knowing of understanding that is immediately perceived — with no communication by writing or words appearing in visions.
12. Disregard any instruction to go somewhere, do something (except repenting), or say something to someone — unless you are told exactly what to do, when to do it, and **given the words to speak immediately before speaking**. If it is important, it will be made completely clear.
13. Understand, you will be tempted to preach, teach, or witness long before you have been purified — don't fall for it. **Until you can hear in real-time so that you can speak only words heard from the Spirit, you are not ready to preach**. You are often told to call someone on the phone, or go see them, or go to a certain location;

unless you have words from him, and only words from him, to speak, it is only a temptation to use your own words when you comply.

14. You will also be tempted to travel, move to a different city, etc. Stay settled. I must have been told a hundred times to move to various cities, or to travel to various cities — never with any clear reasoning why — or never making sense. These temptations are all related to your pride, to make you think you are specially equipped to do something for the Lord, long before you have been purified and have received a major increase in his Spirit.
15. Never comply with any command that requires you to go into debt. Keep out of debt and owe no man anything, except to love one another.
Rom 13:8
16. If you are hoping to overcome your sexual desires, **do not cease sexual relations for a time with your spouse unless there is mutual consent between the two of you**; otherwise you will risk major alienation of your spouse, (see 1 Cor 7:5-7 for more guidelines). Totally contrary to scripture, the devil, pretending to be the Lord, would love to successfully order you to cease sexual relations in conflict with your spouse's desires in order to foster a hostile relationship in your marriage, perhaps even its breakup, causing you bitter distress, loss of confidence, and loss of any peace — and **significant pain to your spouse**.
17. Ignore **any** instruction you hear that is harsh, bitter, sarcastic, with crude language, in a joking manner, etc. Ignore **any** command, (even a command to repent or a rebuke), that is not pure, peaceable, fair, **gentle**, easily accepted, immediately understood, sincere. From the Word of the Lord within: "The Lord is gentle and kind to those whom He corrects, and even more than usual to those in suffering circumstances; for what cause have I against the elect? He is nothing but love and kindness."

18. A Repeat: The Lord only exposes those sins that we are unwilling to admit, face, or those of which we are not even conscious. What we regret having done in the past, He will not even bring up the first time. **The Lord will never go over our sins twice.**
19. Apparent miracles, (lying wonders), as discussed in the next section, do not cancel these warnings. They are only designed to confuse you into thinking that God is asking you to do something wrong.
20. When you get a command that makes sense, is moral, understood, perhaps even echoing what you can recall having read in the Bible, this is the time to make every effort to obey to the best of your ability. The opposition will try to make you doubt that you really heard it from God, or that you heard it right. Don't doubt any moral command regarding your conduct and/or conversation, obey it.
21. Do not ask questions, expecting a *yes* or no *answer* from God. He does not respond, but the demons love to play this game; or your mind will manufacture an answer. God teaches with understandings; he does not teach with yes or no answers.
22. Understand, that whatever you are addicted to, someone will show up to offer you more. Do not think that God is rewarding you with a vacation from righteousness, it is just a temptation to be denied. You can be walking and find something that you have been addicted to, literally lying in your path — don't take this as a gift from God — it is only a temptation to be denied, thus making you stronger.
23. You will be told many lies: that you are perfect; that you are blameless; that you are pure; that you are ready to preach. As the Word of the Lord within said: "when you are perfect, it will be abundantly clear."
24. You will hear many words about wars and disasters, never complete,

never with instructions as to what to do to prepare for them; just rumors to unsettle you and cause you to worry — or worse, to be led aside from your trust in the Lord to guide you. Remember his messages build, one added to the previous; any valid message requiring action on your part will always have substantial foundation of previous messages.

25. Hope deferred makes the heart sick; but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life. **Pro 13:12.** The kingdom is one of patient endurance. For those who are seeking as their first priority in life, waiting on God in increasing frequency and duration, you will be subjected to many lies about when certain events in your spiritual life and/or physical life will change; ignore all messages that define certain times for your hoped-for events. These lies from Satan, when realized as lies, dash our hopes and make our hearts sick. The Lord has to break our hearts before He can create the new heart; the Lord has to destroy our self love, subjecting us to shame and loss before He roots and grounds true love in our heart; He turns the lies of Satan into the means of breaking our heart and self-love. This is very distressing to say the least, but as time goes on, the distress becomes less and less. When the desire comes, particularly the kingdom, then we forget the pain of childbirth and celebrate the child. In this way we learn patience, and our faith is increased, which the Word of the Lord within said: "that is what it is all about." Despite the severe pain of the journey, all is well that ends well. As the Word of the Lord within has told me: "Be like the early Church, who for inexpressible joy endured to the end."
26. Should you get a message like, "tell them about the gospel," that is not from Him; that kind of message encourages you to speak from your carnal mind with your own words, which is the nature of death.

From the Word of the Lord within: "There are many traps and snares along the way." The devil is always working very hard to lure you into one of his

traps and snares; and if you fall for one of his *tempting* schemes, he hopes you will become discouraged and give up your seeking God. He can hear all your thoughts, so he knows what you want; and he tailors his lures and traps to appeal to your desires. Almost always his temptations are something the Lord has commanded you not to do or that you know is wrong. The devil imitates the Holy Spirit's voice and issues very detailed, complex instructions over a lengthy period time, making it seem like the Lord is ordering you to proceed, convincing you that *this is an exception for your special needs*. From the Word of the Lord within: "Err on the side of caution. Do not believe everything you see or hear."

Unguided preaching/teaching, investment schemes, and major purchases requiring debt are common deceptive schemes.

There is a voice of the Lord like thunder over the waters described in many Old Testament passages. This is radically different than the small still voice we hear from within our hearts from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit and the Word of the Lord within speak with words from Jesus, so we are hearing *from* the Son of god. But until we can truly hear the Voice of the Lord, we will not know for sure it is the Lord speaking to us. From the Word of the Lord within: "you will always have doubts until you hear His voice. My voice is like thunder over waters. You will hear His voice when He calls you by name ." We will hear the Lord's voice like thunder over waters for the first time after we have submitted to the baptism of fire and death to then be called forth by name and resurrected with Him as a new creature. Then, as John 10:3-5 states: we will know his voice, he will lead us out of the world to the kingdom, and we will flee from other voices. When you hear His voice for the first time, you have passed over from death to life; and once you have heard His voice like thunder over waters, you will ***always know*** whether or not it is the Lord speaking to you.

We first have to listen to the Holy Spirit and the word of the Lord within to hear and obey His many teachings and commands. Then with long

persistence and patience in doing obedient works of repentance, we experience the baptism of fire and death, to then hear the Voice of the Lord as we pass from death to life. Until then, we have to be on our guard to not be deceived by the enemy, pretending to be the Lord speaking to us. **Based on the advice of Edward Burrough, (click to read), a giant in the early Quakers, until we can distinguish between the voice of the Lord and the voice of the enemy, we should do nothing for the Lord but follow his commands* to repent;** and William Penn wrote, "Though it is the duty of all to walk in the light, and to wait for it, that by it they may be instructed in the way of life and salvation, yet **it is they only who are actually led** by it, [the light] that can rightly discern between the false spirits and the true.**"

* Any command to repent from the Lord should be first pure, then peaceable, fair, gentle, easily accepted, full of mercy and good fruits, immediately understood, and sincere. James 3:17

** By way of review: to be *guided* or *led* by the light, the light must first arise in your heart like a magnificent star, so that you are shown everything to do and told everything to say; the unmistakable arising of the light comes from faith in the voice.

You may hear the Lord tell you to go ahead with your considering to buy something or do something that you feel is necessary; and **providing there it is nothing that you know to be wrong, or it is nothing He has told you not to do in the past**, you can follow His suggestions before you can distinguish His voice. If you don't need what you are considering to purchase, He may plainly tell you, "you don't need it." If it is not necessary to do something you are considering, He may tell you, "it's not necessary." If it is necessary and/or needed, he may encourage you to proceed.

After final judgment you will be able to accurately distinguish between the voice of the Lord and the voice of the enemy, (see footnote to Gal 3:24);

until then be extra cautious and refuse to violate any of the above guidelines, which are provided to keep you from being deceived by the opposition.

When we can hear the voice of the Lord that is *like thunder over the waters*, we truly experience the fulfillment of the scriptures:

To him the doorkeeper opens; and **the sheep hear his voice**; and **he calls his own sheep by name**, and leads them out.

And when he has brought out his own sheep, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him; for **they know his voice**.

They will not follow a stranger, but will flee from him; for they do not know the voice of strangers.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me [they obey].

And I give eternal life to them, so that they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all; and **no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand**. John 10:3-5, 27-29.

Truly, truly, I say to you, '**He who hears my word**, and believes in [depends on, trusts, obeys] him who sent me, has eternal life, and shall not come into condemnation; but **has passed [past tense] over from death to life**.'

Truly, truly, I say to you, 'The hour is coming, and now is, when **the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear shall live**.'" John 5:24-25

As you wait to experience the above promises, don't let yourself get angry at the opposition's deceptions; that is what the devil wants. For when you get angry, you have fallen to his ways. Rather than anger, your greatest weapon is to totally ignore them, which they hate, for it makes them ineffective.

Don't Be Fooled by People with Power but not the Truth

Power without truth is how the false church of Babylon was established. **Do not be deceived with power accompanied by lies.** Unless power is accompanied by the true gospel, (freedom from even the desire to sin, union with Christ and God, and translation into the kingdom of God while still on earth), through repentance on the inward cross of self-denial that results in Jesus appearing in your heart to destroy all sin, such power is from the devil and not God.

There are many "Christian" healing ministries with great show, great pomp, great words of vanity, and loud and raucous services; but you will know them by the fruits they obviously lack: self-control, peace, gentleness, humility, etc. Never accept any demonstration of power as necessarily coming from God. Remember Jannes and Jambres, the Egyptian Magicians, who cast down their rods that turned into serpents, and who turned the waters of Egypt to blood. The miracle workers of Christendom, who preach the false gospel of instant grace as a license for excusing continuation of sin, or preach the gospel of prosperity, derive their power from Satan. However, the power of Satan is not limited to false Christian ministers; it is also frequently demonstrated in other religions.

The Lord is recorded as warning us three times about false Christian prophets, (ministers, evangelists, teachers), that perform miracles:

- For there will arise false Christs and prophets, and **will show great signs and wonders**; so much that, if it were possible, they would deceive the very elect. Mat 24:24
- For false Christs and false prophets will arise, and **show signs and wonders**, to seduce even the elect, if it were possible. Mark 13:22
- Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down and thrown

into the fire.

Therefore by their fruits you shall know them.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of heaven; but [only] he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, **have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name cast out demons? And in your name done many wonderful works?**'

And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you who work iniquity' [sin, lawlessness, or wickedness]. Mat 7:19-23

And in Revelation, we are told the spirits of demons would be working miracles. Rev 16:14; and the demons work miracles through men who put on a great show of being religious.

Smith Wigglesworth of several years ago, (still highly praised by the Pentecostals), had a faith healing ministry where he slugged people in the stomach to heal them, saying he was slugging the devil in them, not them; one man he slugged so hard that he died, but of course the minister then *raised him from the dead*; you will know them by their fruits, and *violence* is not a fruit of the spirit, but *gentleness* is. A current televangelist, who is widely acclaimed and praised by the leadership of the Pentecostal movement, *heals* by slugging people, kicking people, and slamming people on the forehead, as he staggers around like a drunk shouting his message.

William Branham was a preacher who performed great miracles, died in a car crash in 1967, still has many dedicated followers today, and has been greatly lauded by Pentecostal and Charismatic leaders like Kenneth Hagin, Oral Roberts, and Benny Hinn — all because of his ability to perform miracles. Branham had many prophecies, received from *angels*, including that the United States would be destroyed and Jesus would return in 1977. Branham was misogynistic, teaching a very negative message about women in general, while claiming that Eve had sex with the Serpent in the Garden

of Eden, which resulted in the birth of Cain and that Cain's descendents are reprobates, the scientists, and educated people of today. His doctrine is totally false for:

1. it seriously contradicts scripture, "And Adam knew Eve as his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain," Gen 4:1
2. Cain's descendents were wiped out during the flood of Noah (Gen 6-9).
3. according to the Word of the Lord within: "demons do not have sex with humans," (and neither do serpents for that matter).

Yet, because Branham had so many miracle healings across the world, some of followers visit his grave every Easter, expecting him to be resurrected.

The power of Satan is not limited to false Christian ministers; it is also frequently demonstrated in other religions. I can testify to a harrowing personal experience with a young man that I met begging on the street. This individual said he had no place to sleep that night, so I invited him to my home, where I witnessed several supernatural demonstrations of power. He had participated in Hare Krishna, Hindu, etc., and he had adopted a Hindu name. He believed there was no difference between good and evil. Though I had never met him before, he related details of my life that even my wife did not know. When I left him upstairs to listen to music, he rummaged through my forty plus CDs and brought down two, which he handed to me and correctly told me which son had given each to me for a gift and chastised me that I had never played them, which was also correct. He had also picked up three items where the CDs were stored and told me they were favors from my youngest son's wedding and that I should have them proudly displayed to honor my son's marriage rather than stored away out of sight; he was correct as to their origin. There were other supernatural events that had also occurred with him. He suggested that God had created me for pleasure and I should indulge in whatever I desired, including adultery; (this was before I had been freed of lust for women.) When morning finally came, I told him he must go, and we got in our very reliable car. I turned the key on, and the

engine died two seconds later. I turned the key on, and the engine died again. I looked in the rear-view mirror and he was sitting directly in the middle, looking down at the ignition switch and praying so hard his face had literally turned the brightest red I had ever seen on a man before; it looked very similar to common depictions of devils. I reached for the key and with force turned it and held it with great resolve; this time the car started and held, allowing us to complete the exit of this individual.

Although Babylon's false prophets are very difficult to discern, the elect are not deceived because their love of the truth overrides their being impressed with demonstration of power accompanied by lies. There is a [web page, How to Identify a Blind Guide or False Prophet](#), devoted to the doctrines of false prophets/blind guide preachers vs. true prophets/ministers to help you distinguish a true preacher/teacher from a false preacher/teacher.

Lying Wonders

Be aware, later as you get closer, **you will be subjected to many "lying wonders;"** ^{2 The 2:9} These are supernatural "signs" to deceive you to believe they are from God. This is scriptural. **They are to test you to see if you are committed to the truth.** Don't consider the below signs an exhaustive list:

- expect supernatural occurrences of noises, popping sounds, visions, flashing electrical lights, etc.
(visions can be writings and pictures on the carpets, visions on a wall, they can distort your eyes to see visions in nature, some can have visions of demons taunting you, even ridiculing your faith — if not visually, definitely by voice)
- expect their application of bodily sensations: heat, cold, freezing, skin burning, pain, pricks, water, fire, darts, vibrations, itchings, twitching or jumping of legs, crawlings on you, sudden ringing in the ears, heart

skips, heart racing up to 200 beats per minute for days, sneezing, internal blows like a slide hammer. These can be felt on any part(s) of the body, often the private parts. "Above all, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one." Ephesians 6:16

The itchings and/or darts are frequently applied to existing sores on your body. Rub where it itches; don't scratch, (even if no sore), because scratching will eventually make the itching worse and develop more painful sores. Rubbing temporarily stops the itch just as good as scratching. You can try it, but medications on itchy spots from demons do not work. Intense itchings can take place anywhere on your body, even the palm of your hand or the sole of your foot. Regarding darts and/or itchings, from the Word of the Lord within: "Grin and bear it; don't complain." More on painful darts is in the section on **Suffering** below.

Suffering — Tribulation (later in the disciplining process, and the hardest part of the cross!)

When he deems you ready, you enter tribulation. This is part of the cross, to destroy the sinful nature within you through suffering.

This produces patience, forgiveness, faith, long-suffering, trust, humility, and even hope; for even pain can be reassuring of his love:

"Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff they comfort me."

But **narrow is the gate and compressed is the way that leads to life, and there are few who find it.** Mat 7:14 (Tribulation and suffering is the pressure; as you approach the gate, the pressure intensifies).

Therefore, since Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves**

with the same mind because he who has suffered in the flesh is finished with sin, so that you should not live the rest of your time in the flesh in the lusts of men, but to the will of God. 1 Pet 4:1-2. Tribulation is **not** a hard day at the office, a car wreck, someone stealing something from you, you being arrested for breaking the law, a death in the family, a divorce, or some natural difficulty; it is unmistakably, supernaturally imposed. Some of you are wrongly ascribing natural events such as a loss of car keys or being a victim of theft to be tribulation.

One veteran of suffering at the hands of the demons wrote that the demons can torture a man in a thousand different ways. The list of the body sensations in the [Lying Wonders](#) of the above section are those that I have experienced; they are not an exhaustive list of all possibilities of pain and suffering. Further, you can already have some natural condition, (such as an infection anywhere within or on your body), and the demons will often jump in and apply additional pain/suffering to the area of your malady

For this suffering to be effective, you must realize three things:

1. It is supernaturally imposed. It is **not** some natural disease, such as heart disease or cancer.* It cannot be cured. It cannot be stopped by anything you do.

* Whatever natural diseases you contract when seeking, (which are not imposed by the will of the Lord), you will not die from them while you complete your seeking course, providing you stay seeking with obedience, (as the first priority in your life), confirmed by the message from the Word of the Lord within on this specific subject: "You will be protected." However your respond to the natural diseases is between you and the Lord; over the years, my wife and I have responded to our medical conditions with appropriate drugs, supplements, and surgeries, (surgeries with the Lord's *go-ahead*).

2. Despite the supernaturally imposed afflictions to your body, no harm will result — except to your selfish spiritual nature.
3. It is pleasing to God for you to undergo suffering because you are laying down your life for him — the one true sacrifice.

I realize this is extremely strange and foreign to most readers. But remember, Jesus said to Peter: Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to have you all, that he may sift you like grain. They were all turned over to Satan for testing. Satan will be allowed to test and sift you, (a slow process), as well as inflict suffering upon you to test, try, and develop love within you. When you can suffer with faith that the suffering is your cross, but nowhere as painful as the cross of Jesus, then your pain is far, far less.

When you are seeking Him as your first priority in life, accept everything that happens to you is according to the will of God, even suffering; though as He has said, "I am not the purveyor of evil." As with Job for our example, He permits our tribulation and trials to further our patience and perfection, but He does not conduct them. He has said, "I neither counsel or collaborate with evil;" He gives them firm commands to not exceed certain limits in their afflictions. Do not be offended at whatever suffering and affliction befalls you. In time, suffering too will pass as do your best to sit and wait.

The same sufferings are being experienced by all your brothers in the world. 1 Pet 5:9. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory** which shall be **revealed in us**. Rom 8:18.

Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col 1:27

Fear none of those things which you shall suffer; behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried; and you shall have tribulation ten days. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life. Rev 2:10

God is frequently accused of creating evil by creating the devil. Here is what George Fox says from his Journal:

The Ranters pleaded that God had made the devil. I denied it, and told them, "I had come into the power of God, the seed Christ, which was before the devil was, and bruises his head; and he became a devil by going out of truth; and so became a murderer and a destroyer. So I showed them, that God did not make him a devil; for God is a God of truth, and made all things good, and blessed them; but God did not bless the devil. And the devil is bad and was a liar and a murderer from the beginning, and spoke from himself, and not from God.*"

* Heed! The devil *spoke from himself, and not from God*. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of the One who sent him, that man is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him. John 7:18. Before you teach or preach, you must first be sent and then hear from God every word to say before speaking; **otherwise, you are like the devil speaking from himself, and not from God.**

The devil rebelled against God. My wife had a vision as to what happened afterwards. Jesus was standing in front of Satan. Jesus held out his hand, full of dust and said, "**Do you see this dust Satan? I am going to make this dust greater than you, and there is nothing you can do about it.**" The dust is us. He formed man from the earth. He thwarts Satan's efforts to defeat us by using his evil to produce good; to produce sons of God who are greater than the very powerful fallen archangel Satan. You are now entering the process by which evil is used to produce a son of God, made from dust, but cloned with the Spirit of Jesus.

In Acts 14:22-23, Paul was strengthening the souls of the disciples and warning and exhorting them to stand firm in the faith; saying that it is through many trials and tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. From where do you think these tribulations will come? Not from our fellow man, at least not in this era of religious tolerance. The tribulation has to be supernatural; various sufferings and hardships poured on you from above. These are the troubles of the seven seals, (see footnote to Rev 5:1). See the Tribulation Scripture References, to understand further how tribulation is part of the cross to be experienced by every generation.

Remember Jesus said:

Whoever tries to preserve his life will lose it, and **whoever loses his life will preserve it.**;

I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left.

Two women will be grinding together; one will be taken and the other left.

Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.' And in response they said to him, "Where, Lord?" And he said to them,

"Wherever the body is, **there the vultures will be gathered together.** Luke 17:33-37

In the above, the disciples assumed the body was taken, and they asked *where* it was taken; so Christ's answer was about *the body*, deepening the mystery of *the return* or *appearance* or *revealing* of Christ; but *the body* is **not** taken anywhere. The Lord appears, (is seen, is revealed), in a purified believer, joins with the soul of the purified believer, and raises their joined *spirit/soul* to heaven; but the body remains on earth, and the body is made alive with Christ living, not the old man of the flesh, who is dead. The body looks the same, but it is an entirely new creature with Christ ruling its every thought, word, and deed. The body has been crucified and is dead through

tribulation, through suffering, through obedience to the Lord condemning the sins within the believer's flesh, (the Ministry of Condemnation); **and the demons, (vultures, unclean and hateful birds), are gathered around all such true seekers** — the demons being the source of several supernatural sufferings, trials, and tribulations. So, don't panic and run, trying to save your life. Trust in God. He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek him; but the Father scourges any son he accepts, because it is necessary for purification. And He uses the vultures or eagles, heavenly vultures, fallen angels, demons, to do it.

First, recognize that they are restrained by the Spirit of God. They are not going to really hurt you or do anything totally bizarre; I know this to be absolutely true from experience. **The angel of the LORD encamps round about those who fear him, and deliverers them.** Psalm 34:7
And greater is he who is in you, than he who is in the world.

The Book of Job also documents his persecutions and is available with commentary for you to read and take comfort.

First, Before Suffering: They will try to get you to do something wrong; such as something you just thought about, by giving you a "sign" at the exact same time. They want you to think it is God giving you a sign to do something wrong. Don't fall for it. Wrong is wrong and is never of God. When they give up on that, knowing that you recognize the sign to be from them, they will use the same sign to judge your every thought and condemn you **every** time you have a bad thought, by their signs, (usually something done to your body or popping noises). Or, they will use a "sign" to try to inhibit you from doing something right; they lie, and switch around, just to keep you confused; so you just have to **ignore them**. Scripturally, this is the "accuser of the brethren." Rev. 12:10 Don't get resentful. Any anger or resentment will just slow you down. Remember God does not condemn you for these thoughts; he knows you will have them until you are finished. Even if you repeatedly get angry at God, he understands and forgives you,

providing you keep regretting it too. And he is the one in charge of your progress, so trust Him to continue his peace, mercy, and grace to you; he never withdraws it. Be happy you have arrived where few have gone before you. This monitoring of your thoughts and condemnation will continue for a long time; but do not be discouraged, they will eventually disappear. The sooner you can ignore them, the sooner they will withdraw from you, at least temporarily.

After you identify one type of sign as evil, a new type of sign is tried to deceive you, and then another, etc. Compared to the miracles of God, these are cheap tricks. Don't fall for them. **Ignore** them. **This is hard** because you are so famished for God, and you will want so badly to believe that these "signs and wonders" come from God. He doesn't communicate that way. It is your pride that is working against you here; your pride wants to believe God has finally started doing miracles for your benefit and wants to rush to comply with the instructions, hints, or associations accompanying them.

Next, Suffering: When these supernatural signs become painful, **and they will**, sooner or later, rejoice that you have been worthy of discipline and persecution, for you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ:

Who are kept by the power of God through faith **to salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

In that greatly rejoice **though it is necessary to suffer a few griefs through various trials,**
so that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes,

though it is tried with fire, might result in praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

Though you have not seen him, you love him; though you do not see him now,

but believe in him, you rejoice with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory,

Receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls. 1 Pet 1:5-9

Beloved, do not think it **strange** concerning the **fiery trial** which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but **rejoice, since you are partakers of Christ's sufferings**, so that when his glory is **revealed**, you may be glad with exceeding joy. 1 Peter 4:12-13.

The same sufferings are being experienced by all your brothers in the world. 1 Pet 5:9.

He shall deliver you **in six troubles; yes, in seven no evil shall touch you.** Job 5:19

To enter the kingdom, every man must go through seven troubles, or seven trials — which is great tribulation. The seventh is the trial of perfection, the final trial before the revealing of Jesus Christ and his resurrection with you. The seven troubles correspond to the seven vials in the book of Revelation. George Fox refers to this scripture as absolute fact in the following extract from Letter 367: "And the Lord has promised to deliver his people in the six troubles, yes, in the seventh, the perfection of troubles; and therefore do not think time long, and your sufferings long, for the Lord will lay no more upon you but what you are able to bear; yes, upon his faithful people...when you are tried, you may come forth more precious than gold that is tried in the fire:"

For a just man falls seven times, and rises up again; but the wicked shall fall into

injury. Pro 24:16

The words of the LORD are pure words,
like silver tried in an earthen furnace,
purified seven times. Psa 12:6

Then I will walk contrary to you also in
fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven
times for your sins. Lev 26:28

He shall deliver you in six troubles; yes, **in
seven no evil shall touch you.** Job 5:19

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and **scourges every son whom he
accepts.**

**Endure your trials with suffering as
a discipline [not *punishment*, but
*training from God to improve your
virtue*];** God deals with you as with sons;
for what son is there whom the father does
not discipline? But **if you are without
discipline, of which all [true sons of
God] must share, then are you
illegitimate, and not sons.** Heb 12:6-8

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not
worthy to be compared with the **glory that will be revealed in
us.** Rom 8:18.

My brothers, count it all joy when you fall into various trials;
knowing this, that the trying of your faith works steadfast
endurance. But let steadfast endurance have its perfect work,
that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.
Blessed is the man who endures trials because when he is
proven genuine, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord

has promised to those who love him. James 1:2-4,12

From the Word of the Lord within:

- With this web site now up, I can put my people on the cross without them worrying that they somehow might have failed or might have been betrayed.
- You shall suffer persecution, when you lead a godly life.
- In the time of the enemy, the Lord is still with you.
- Any of you whose sting to bear has been hard, use these facts:
 - all have suffered before you,
 - sin is excoriated,
 - God will remove the burden in time, and
 - the same is experienced by every cleanliness-desired heart in the nations.
- Therefore, for the several cases, we wish you well when you suffer.
- Take no offence; do not be offended at anything.
- In the time of the enemy, there are difficult things to endure; despise not the cross.
- **Our aim is to bear all; you must learn to bear the pain.**
- **Either pain in this life or the next.**
- Judgment begins with the house of God.
- The righteous will barely be saved.
- Don't ever complain. Stand fast in the faith.
- Never give up, no matter how good it feels looking back.
- Take no thought of yourself.
- It is blind to give up, knowing the will of God.
- Don't even think about giving up.
- Let patience have its perfect work.
- Remain faithful to the promises.
- Doubt not, faint not, forget not.
- Accept everything; take offence at nothing; just sit and wait.
- We deliver.

This will be a shock. Even having read this beforehand, it will be a shock. You will be angry, full of doubts, desperate to get away, perhaps bitter. There is no place to go. They will follow you wherever you go. You will think you are being punished for something you have done wrong. You will not be able to imagine that God is allowing you to be subjected to this. But, in the end, you have to trust God. You have to remember that he is the one in charge, not you.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mat 5:10

After the suffering started, during my "quiet sessions," I had terrible thoughts and words that went through my head. Thoughts as bad as you can imagine. It is easy to get bitter. Sometimes it was so painful to realize that kind of stuff was in me, that I was in deep agony. Recognize, there is a war going on inside of you. The Spirit of Christ is warring against your spirit, the spirit of Satan. This spirit within you will eventually be slain by Christ at his return to you, but until then, this spirit will probably curse and find fault with God. It will feel like you are the one thinking these thoughts; it will be very distressing; you will feel like you are unforgivable. You may want to fall on your sword to remove the dishonor or contemplate suicide; this won't help the Lord — he has brought you this far, let him finish the job. The fact that you find it distressing is proof that you don't will these thoughts; they are part of the war — nation against nation. Keep regretting your condition and know that Christ does not condemn you for this; he will win the war; the war is his. He told me there is no evil that has not already been in front of his hands and face. Remember his blood has paid for your pitiful state, and he will redeem you in the end. I doubt you could make the many and grievous mistakes I have made while seeking. But, He always forgave me, always encouraged me, and always gave me more. In time, grace destroyed the vast, vast majority of those thoughts in my head; but this called for, and worked to, patience.

When so many disciples deserted Christ after he said that to have eternal life, they must eat his flesh and drink his blood; the Lord asked the twelve, "Will you also leave me?" To which, Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and are sure that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God." That is the question: you have committed yourself to God and arrived at suffering; where else is there to go? Back to your old life of sins and pleasures? Back to the godless deficit sects? No, by now that is a horrible thought. So, you buckle up (gird up your loins) and press on to the high calling of God with trust and faith that he knows what he is doing, even if you don't fully understand it. This is the cross. It is tough; but compared to his cross, it is a picnic.

A man must first be broken by God, before he is honored. It is only when a person is besieged by a supernatural enemy, sent by God, which he is helpless to fight against, that the person discovers how he is so easily resentful, angry, impatient, doubtful [loss of faith], and profane. Under the pressure of the adversaries, a man discovers what a low, selfish, angry beast he really is. It is a necessary humbling process. It is a necessary suffering. A man must see over a significant period of time how low he is, how selfish he is, how profane he is, how evil he is — and he must learn this so that he never forgets it. A man must be humbled, and it is impossible for a man to voluntarily humble himself; any such voluntary attempts to humble one's self only increases a man's pride. Only the hand of God can truly humble a man. His only hope has to rest in God's mercy; there can be no other escape. His only objective must become to be rid of his selfish, cursing, profane, hating, resentful self; so when it is finally taken away, he hates evil so much, that he would never even consider drifting back into selfish behaviors again.

A man must be broken by God:

A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. Pro 15:13

Before being broken, the heart of man is haughty; and before honor is humility. Pro 18:12

Reproach has broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness. I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none. Psa 69:20

For all these things my hand has made, and so they have come into being," says the LORD. **"But this is the man I will look on [favorably]: he who is of a humble and contrite spirit, and trembles at my word.** Isa 66:2

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:17 ;

Because God makes my heart faint, soft, and broken; and the Almighty is a terror to me. Job 23:16

and then He accepts a man:

The LORD is near to those who are of a broken heart and saves those who are of a contrite spirit. Psa 34:18

He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds. Psa 147:3

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me **to preach the gospel to the poor** [in Spirit]; **he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted** [who mourn due to their slavery to sin], **to preach release to the captives** [of sin], **and recovery of sight to the** [spiritually] **blind, to deliver** [free] **those who are oppressed** [in slavery to sin]. Luke 4:18, Isa 61:1.

For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; **"I dwell in the high and holy place, with him**

who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Isa 57:15

Therefore consider suffering as necessary to realize your hope:

Therefore, since Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same mind because **he who has suffered in the flesh is finished with sin, so that you should not live the rest of your time in the flesh in the lusts of men, but to the will of God.** 1 Pet 4:1-2

How does suffering help you to become finished with sin?

When Adam fell in the garden, (he had eaten from *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*), he began to think for himself, deciding what was *good and bad*; instead of relying on the direction of God, Adam began to rely on his own mind, deciding for himself what was good and bad. From then on the thoughts and decisions of men's minds and imaginations directed their life; but the imagination of man is evil and the carnal mind of man is enmity with God and incapable of submitting to the Law of God, Rom 8:7, and so the mind and imagination of man must be eliminated by crucifixion on the inward cross of self-denial and renewed to become the mind of Christ.

When God *allows* pain and suffering to be

applied to us, our carnal minds scream BAD!!!; our impulse is to be offended and recoil away from it. However, if we have been prepared by the Lord to expect pain and suffering as part of the way to be rid of sin, then *in faith* we *deny* our mind. We submit to the will of God in faith; in this way we are *living by faith*, rather than our own selfish will: "the just (or righteous) shall *live by faith*," Gal 3:11. The more we *live by faith*, the less we live by our sinful, selfish nature; until finally that sinful nature is dead, and we totally *live by faith*.

After we have persistently denied our impulse to be offended and run under duress, instead by quietly submitting to the pain and suffering, submission to the will of God then is very easy in normal circumstances. Our faith has been tested; and we are proven trustworthy of remaining faithful to Him in all circumstances, which is necessary before we are qualified to receive the true treasure.

I beseech you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual sacrifice and worship** Rom 12:1

If we suffer, we will also reign with him. 2 Timothy 2:12

Indeed, **all** who are determined to live godly in Christ Jesus **will suffer persecution**. 2 Timothy 3:12

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and **scourges every son whom he accepts. Endure your trials with suffering as a discipline [not *punishment*, but *training from God to improve your virtue*]**; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom the father does not discipline? But **if you are without discipline, of which all [true sons of God] must share, then you are illegitimate, and not sons**. Heb 12:6-8.

The pain of a wound cleanses away evil, so do stripes purge the inward parts [including the heart] of man. Pro 20:30.

In 1 Peter 1:5-7 Peter says: [you] who are kept by the power of God through faith to salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice **though it is necessary to suffer griefs through various trials**, so that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tried with fire, might result in praise and honor and glory **at the appearing of Jesus Christ**.

But if any man suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time has come that judgment must begin with the household of God. And if it first begins with us, what will the end be of those who do not obey the gospel of God? And if the **righteous can barely be saved**, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners? Therefore let those who **suffer** according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as to a faithful Creator. 1 Peter 4:16-19

But after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called us to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, will make you perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 1
Pet 5:10

For more scriptures, documenting how Tribulation applies to the cross for all generations, see Tribulation Scripture References.

Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterwards it yields the **peaceable fruit of righteousness** to those who are tried by it. Heb 12:11

By your producing of much **fruit**, my Father is honored and glorified, and you show that you are **truly my disciples [true followers]**. John 15:8

The fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace** (quietness and confident trust forever), **patience** (including longsuffering, steadfastness, and perseverance), **kindness** (including morality and integrity), **goodness, faithfulness, gentleness** (including meekness and humility), and **self-control** (mastery of sensual appetites, passions, and desires). Gal 5:19-23

Above all, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Eph 6:16. Fiery darts from the wicked one are not really on fire; they produce a sharp, burning pain, but no burn results. These can be felt on any part(s) of the body, often the private parts. Low intensity darts can simply produce an itching; high intensity darts can be very painful. Medium intensity darts have hit my wife and me for years, sometimes when thinking something wrong, but usually just to aggravate us.

High intensity, painful darts are often *part (or all)* of a fiery trial of your faith that you must endure. The pain is indeed pain, which pain is used to rid your body of sin. The pain of a wound cleanses away evil, so do stripes purge the inward parts [including the heart] of man. Pro 20:30. God chastens

and scourges every son he accepts, Heb 12:6; Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 1 Pet 4:12; he who has suffered in the flesh is finished with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God, 1 Pet 4:1-2.

My first intense suffering lasted several months. No one could see what was going on. It was private. I could still function in life while it was happening. It was very, very annoying; not severe pain, but constant and very depressing. I was afflicted in my private parts, which I later learned was a common experience of David and referenced by Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Lamentations. But I was shocked; I didn't understand or expect it. Instead of rejoicing, I thought I had been betrayed; I couldn't have reacted worse. But, you will do better. Forewarned is forearmed; expect to suffer. Rejoice that you are worthy to suffer. It is necessary for purification and the development of faith, patience, long-suffering, and love. Condemnation with slight, but still annoying pain lasted several years.

Later trials varied, including: 1) being deceived in making poor investments, 2) intense itching, and 3) a painful, fiery ordeal exactly as Peter warned us would happen.

From the word of the Lord within: "Forgive the unjust offenses of others. Do not be misled; anger must be eliminated to enter the kingdom." Just as you must forgive the unjust offenses of other men, forgiveness also applies to the demons who cause your suffering and are a part of tribulation. You cannot let yourself hate them, be angry at them, pray for their punishment, etc.; that is what they want, and **that gives them more power over you**. Just ignore them and forget what they have done to you in order to minimize their power over you. Learning to ignore and forget what the demons do to you is a major step in overcoming all angers.

Their whole purpose is to purify you, show you your weaknesses, and to **test**

you to see if you are committed to the truth. When the Lord trusts you, he will give you more of his Holy Spirit. This persecution can come to a climax of intense suffering and testing to see if you are really committed to not pursuing evil. But we all have to be tested. Peter was tested. You will be tested. I was tested without much knowledge, and I failed; but because I stupidly believed I was doing the will of God, I was forgiven. And eventually, I was tested again. The last time I passed; **for in the way of holiness even fools shall not err and go astray.** Isa 35:8. He gifted me enough of his Spirit to construct this web site under his supervision; he is using my failures to help you, and I feel the great honor and privilege to do so. You can read the details of all my failures in the record of my spiritual journey.

Every caution I have given you is the result of my learning them by at least partial failure. Despite me falling for far too many tricks of the devil, Christ never failed me; I kept coming back, and he stayed with me. The Lord will never leave you if you stay committed to him. Even if you wander off, like a lost sheep, the good Shepard will come and get you and carry you back to be with Him.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that will be **revealed in us.** Rom 8:18. **These sufferings are the hardest part of the cross, but again, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

Be strong and of good courage; fear not, nor be afraid of them for it is the LORD your God, who goes with you. He will not fail you, nor forsake you.
Deut 31:6

"Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor his ear heavy, that it cannot hear." Isaiah 59:1

Fear not, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness. Isa 41:10

Be sober and vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **Resist him, standing fast in the faith,** knowing that **the same sufferings are being experienced by all your brothers in the world.** But after you have suffered *a little while*, the God of all grace, who has called us to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **will make you perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.** 1 Pet 5:8-10

The Interim Reward

Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh [the sinful nature] with its passions and desires [lusts and affections]. Gal 5:24

Knowing this, that **our old man is crucified**, that the body of sin might be destroyed, so that we longer be slaves to sin. Rom 6:6

When you have suffered awhile in crucifixion and passed the test(s), Christ will give you more of his Spirit, Oh! Joyous day! That we, who first trusted in Christ, should be to the praise of his glory. In whom you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the good news of your salvation; in whom after you believed, you were also sealed with the holy Spirit of promise. Eph 1:12-13; assuming you have actually **heard Him and have been taught by Him**, as the truth is in Jesus. Eph 4:21. Here is where we hear the *good news* of our salvation to come and receive the Holy Spirit of promise. And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, by whom **you are sealed unto the day of redemption.** Eph 4:30. Who has also sealed us, and given us the earnest [down payment] of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Cor 1:22. Remember! The Holy Spirit is **only** given to those who obey him. Acts 5:32

You will know, beyond a shadow of a doubt. After the intensive testing, He told me the *good news*, "**there is an open door placed before you that no one can shut.**" The world will look different to you. You will see Christ

in all things. Everything will be beautiful. You will see Christ in all people. You will want to love everyone as you love Christ. Because of this love received, you will no longer fear God, only fear disappointing him. Such **love** has no fear, but **perfect love casts out all fear**, because fear is the dread of punishment. He who fears has not been made perfect in love. 1 John 4:18. You have complete trust and faith in God to bring you to union with Him in his Kingdom. Your faith will be sure of what you hope for and certain of what you do not see. This understanding gives you peace.

You will be tempted to think you have it all, so keep in mind what is evident of the kingdom:

A dream or a vision of being in the kingdom is **not** to be translated into the kingdom.

The kingdom is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit, Rom 14:17; the kingdom of God is in power. 1 Cor 4:20. We know additional details as below:

- **Peace** — the mind is quiet, permanently quiet. There is eternal confidence, no doubt, no fear, no ups and down.
- **Joy** — As Stephen Crisp, who dwelled in the kingdom, wrote, "**in one day under the government of Christ, (in the kingdom), one has more joy, pleasure, and delight than a thousand days outside it.**"
- **Righteousness** — Jesus only spoke, judged, and did as He was prompted and ordered by God; to practice righteousness **we also must be able to only speak what we hear Him order us to say and only do what we are ordered to do by God.** This ability only comes after we have crucified our selfish spirit, as sin has been destroyed by the Spirit through bearing the inward cross of self-denial; then we are walking the same way He walked and in the world as He

was with perfection, purity, and holiness.

From the Word of the Lord within:

- "There are many who claim to be in the kingdom.
- First the light arises, then the kingdom.
- The arising of the light will be unmistakable; it is an ego-shattering experience.
- Walking in the light is to be guided through life by God; walking in darkness is making your own decisions as to what to do and say; all sin is darkness.
- The kingdom will be found by those who search for it and who are led by me.
- Happy are they who serve God in His kingdom.
- He that views them from afar off — he that is quiet — that is his place.
- I work with the blind; but if you think you can see and you are not with me in heaven, I will make you a laughingstock.
- You can live in heaven and still walk the earth.*
- We stand in His presence; in the kingdom we stand before God and His holy angels; we behold His beauty.
- We stand before Him that we might glorify Him.
- We stand in the presence of God speaking forth His words as commanded.
- A time of great rejoicing: a time of being told what to do.
- Health and happiness are in the kingdom.
- The new life is as radically different as a man who has lived underground his whole life, suddenly coming above ground to see the sun, the sky, the plants, the animals, the wind, the stars.
- Those who imagined they were in the kingdom will be cast aside; the path is strewn with bodies of the cast-aside; when you are perfect, it will be abundantly clear."

* George Fox was translated into the paradise of God where he then lived; but Fox still walked the earth too, resurrected with Christ in him, guiding his every word and deed.

The devil tries to fool us into thinking we have arrived in the kingdom; in order to convince us, he even provides supernatural sensations of the body.* His lies are designed to cause us to die; either through preaching/teaching before we are **authorized** and **sent**, or by relaxing our efforts to progress. However, if we still see the earth as we did before, if our sight and consciousness are not in heaven, if we don't see all and know all, if we still are subject to the emotions of the flesh, if we do not have the Lord's continual guidance in what to do and say, if we are still using our brain to make decisions, etc; then we are not yet there, and we must continue our best efforts to seek the Kingdom and His righteousness.

* I write from the years-ago experience of being told I was in the kingdom, in Christ, blameless, a son of God, etc; and to then experience two, (of the **many possible**), supernatural phenomena:

- I saw everything in significantly brighter appearance, so that even a dingy white wall appeared to be brilliantly white with no dirt or smudges; and driving at night was seeing all the different colored lights of signs, traffic control, and street lights like a beautiful Christmas tree.
- When standing from sitting in a chair, there was a circulation of air underneath me, which seemed to lift me off the chair with significantly less effort than usual.

I shortly became suspicious of it all due to little bouts of anger, little bouts of sin, sexual desires for attractive women, and emotional ups and downs; and then I heard the Word of the Lord

within say, "**it is just more lying wonders.**" Those lying wonders stopped.

The Lord has since told me that when I am perfect, "it will be abundantly clear." And to enter the new life of the kingdom is so different, he has said, "The **new life** is as radically different as a man who has lived underground his whole life, suddenly coming above ground to see the sun, the sky, the plants, the animals, the wind, the stars." Gentle reader, don't let some vision or voice convince you that you are perfect or have entered the kingdom because the Lord has also said, "those who have imagined themselves in the kingdom will be cast aside."

A great part of your suffering is done, but you will have short bursts of the same to keep you on track and to be reminded of the consequences of departing; **and there are more trials to come up to a total of seven, as George Fox wrote, "the seventh being a perfection of troubles."**

There is much more, and **you must dwell in the Light even more** while continuing to give at every opportunity, exhibiting your love in giving to others through your powerful increased faith. Don't worry, you will have the inclination — just go with it. Keep seeking. The Lord told us, "**many are so happy to arrive at this state; they think how wonderful everything is, and relax. Many die here.**" Don't. Follow orders. Keep oil in your lamps; abide in the light. **It is no longer you who sin, but the sin that remains in you,** and it will decrease daily. He will pull away from you for periods of dryness. This dryness teaches us to walk in love, faith, and truth. His Spirit never leaves us, but his words of comfort do, for a little while; this lets us walk without holding his hand and tests us to see if we will stay faithful, stay foreign to our previous life of lusts and affections, and keep **striving forcefully to enter the Kingdom.** Remember, until you have literally run into his arms, you have not received the **pearl of great price.** Even though the open door has been placed before us that no one can shut, it is still up to us to keep striving to go **through the door** into the Kingdom.

But, at this stage you are definitely being better led by the Spirit, further telling you what not to do. And you now have both assurances of salvation: 1) through the aid of the Spirit, having been putting to death the sinful nature, and 2) having undergone significant suffering, discipline, and scourging by God. So you have a steady hope, knowing the completion of your salvation is assured with the arrival of the Kingdom.

This is the time that the Teacher within destroys your carnal mind; the fretful, worrying, doubting, faithless mind. And as this mind is destroyed, he builds your faith and trust, which results in great peace; a peace beyond understanding. But this is not the final reward. He is preparing you to survive the next step.

And if the righteous can **barely** be saved, what will become of the ungodly and sinners? 1 Pet 4:18

The Kingdom, the Return of Christ, and Salvation's Completion

Those crucified and purified to become righteous, experience the Day of the Lord, which for them is the baptism of fire, the baptism of death. The Lord appears, he comes, and he brings salvation; but first he has to literally burn away all the remaining sin in them, and he snatches them from the fire in the last minute; they are *barely saved*.

He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire;
whose winnowing fork is in his hand,
and he will thoroughly purge his floor and gather his wheat into the barn;
but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. Mat 3:11-12

The Lord separates the wheat from the chaff, the precious from the vile. The wheat is the words of life that he has spoken to you, which words are grafted into your heart to form Christ within; the chaff is your selfish, sinful nature of its lusts, affections, and pride, which after separation is then burnt to oblivion by the *devouring fire and everlasting burnings* of Jesus, the pure word of life, which is fire; but **the fire will not hurt you**. This is the baptism of death, to then be resurrected with Christ as a new creature.

Gentle reader, do not think this baptism of death is strange for: 1) the Lord told us several times we must lose our life to save our life; 2) the baptism of death and subsequent burial is stated several times in scriptures, and 3) we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual service and worship, Rom 12:1. The Lord will prepare you for this day, teaching you how to keep your mind still, and giving you confidence of your eventual entry to the kingdom. He wants our minds to be still by habit and full of confidence.

Everyone passes through the fire on that great and terrible day of the Lord. The sun will have been darkened by the bright light of His coming, but then you are immersed in fire; at the last second, before you are totally consumed by the fire, in fear and hope you call on the name of the Lord, and he snatches you from the fire. **Realize, be aware that the bright light appearing in you is not to your detriment**, it is the beginning of your entry into the kingdom, which begins with the light exposing and judging the remaining evil in you. The Word of the Lord within has described the light appearing as: "The light shows us our image, however fanciful we have become; neither is it pleasant what the light exposes. The arising of the light will be unmistakable; it is an ego-shattering experience."

When the Day of the Lord appears in you, and the light reveals the remaining evil in you, (prior to the Lord's burning it all away), do not be upset and shocked; rather, marvel at the light that has given you sight of

these things in you that must be burned up. From the Word of the Lord within: "This occurs, not to produce fear, but to produce repentance. Be not afraid, be not dismayed, be calm, be of good courage. Be submissive. Be of good cheer. Keep smiling until you enter the kingdom and exchange it for a crown."

We are to approach this judgment with confidence and courage — not falling on our face weeping and begging for forgiveness — nor does He want us to draw back in fear. We are to stand in confident, joyful expectation — even as we behold His fearful, awesome presence. And as we are surrounded by fire, instead of running, we remain confident He will save us; and so He does save the remnant whom he has been purifying and cleansing, preparing them for this, his appearance. From the Word of the Lord within: "I will devour those who do not follow and snatch the righteous from the fire."

"Is not **my word like a fire**?" says the Lord; "and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? Jer 23:29

For our God is **a consuming fire**. Heb 12:29

But who can endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears?

For **he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap**;
And he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and **he will purify the sons of Levi [priests]**,
and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness. Mal 3:2-3

This is the Day of the Lord, with final judgment; in which the Lord makes a finish of sin in you with fire; where you die and are buried; but you are then quickly resurrected with Christ as a new creature, a son of God, and **translated to the kingdom**; this is the completion of your salvation. However, even for the righteous who have been waiting, hoping, and

expecting salvation, this day begins *without* joy and peace. The brightness of the light exposes all the remaining evil in you, which is sadness and sorrow; **but that sorrow can be controlled if you focus on the light that is showing you your remaining sins, not worrying about what you might lose; and most important, never lose sight that this day will end in great joy, peace, salvation, seeing the Lord, hearing his voice (like thunder over waters) for the first time, and entering the kingdom.** If you find your mind drowning in sorrow, come back to the reality that this day is for your success, and return to being still.

In this day of judgment you may be shown other sins you had forgotten, plus you will listen to all your evil (non-edifying) ever words spoken, which **you must not dwell on; instead, focus with thanks on how different you now are**, and will be forever — far more pure. **Remain confident that this is all in His control for your supreme benefit.**

From the Word of the Lord within: "The end is sympathetic judgment and release from sin. All the help of the tested word cannot exceed that of judgment."

All the help we have received by hearing, and accepting what we have heard as having come from the Lord, and then obeying — the sum total of all that help, (which is unbelievable to most people), does not compare with the changing help we receive at judgment. At judgment, the head of Satan is crushed, the residual sin is burnt away by the brightness of his coming, our heart is completely circumcised, the purification is complete — and then we receive the fruit of the Spirit, which frees us from the laws we have been given, and lets our heart hear, see, and feel the Spirit continually — so that we walk in love, according to the continual promptings of the Spirit, while energized by the Spirit — we cease from our own works, our mind is completely destroyed and ceases operation, as we receive a new heart, mind,

and Spirit.

The Lord wants those who have journeyed to the end of grace, to approach His judgment with boldness and confidence, buoyed by the wonderful, purifying operations of his grace already received, and certain of even greater help to be received in final judgment.

The righteous first knowing the terror of the Day of the Lord in themselves is witnessed by, (from his actual experience), kingdom-dwelling, early Quaker Francis Howgill:

"They who have not yet seen this day of the Lords vengeance in themselves, have never seen the day of salvation. The prophet cried out: 'Who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appears?' And many have been eye-witnesses of the dreadful day-of the Lord, which has appeared in them, wherein all peace has been hidden from their eyes; and all who ever came to see that day of joy and gladness, first knew the terror and the terrible day of the Lord in themselves. Therefore said the apostle: 'We, knowing the terror of the Lord, persuade men.'"

From the Word of the Lord within: "First the terror, then the suspect." The *suspect* is "the man of sin revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he sits as God in the temple of God [your heart], proclaiming himself to be God." 2 Thes 2:3-4. This refers to the evil spirit in you, the man of sin, being revealed. Every man starts with the spirit of Satan sown in his heart. This selfish spirit must be crucified before Christ can reign. Before Christ is revealed, the man of sin is revealed, showing you all manner of evil on the earth (that is in you); this is the abomination of desolation, standing in the holy place, (**your** heart's temple), where it should not be. But this is the end of your fleshly self, as Christ then comes and slays this residual spirit of

Satan within you by the brightness of his coming, by his breath, and the splendor of his coming, by his crushing the head of Satan under **your feet** [heel]. From the Word of the Lord within: "**When you see the abomination of desolation, do not be afraid; stand your ground; I will come within five minutes to destroy him.**"

Then, as Howgill continues, the day becomes one of great joy.

"The appearance of God, who is eternal life, in his day, in his immeasurable Light, is a great joy, and source of rejoicing to the righteous. For he is to his people an everlasting light, and in his light they come to see light. He reveals the secret mysteries of his kingdom in those who see his day appear in their hearts, which makes all things manifest, even the secrets of the Lord, and his hidden treasure, and his durable riches, which never canker or rust, but are fresh, and keep their pure image and impression. By this Light all the righteous, who have waited on God's appearance, come to see Him. As it is written, 'Lo! This is our God, we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice and be glad in his salvation.' **Does he indeed come that you have waited for? Yes, come,** 'and his reward is with Him;' and those who see Him find contentment in Him, and in his reward. And what is his reward? Joy, gladness, peace of conscience, assurance of God's love sealed in the heart by the pure Spirit of the Lord, the streams of Life flowing forth continually from the great deep, which refresh and keep cool in the greatest extremity and heat of temptation; and this is enjoyed by those who have waited and do wait for it; **even in the body they bear witness of Him and his coming.**"

William Dewsbury, another kingdom-dwelling, early Quaker, also left a testimony of the terror in the Day of the Lord:

"I was slain and baptized, and lay as a little child under his heavenly chastisements; as soon as ever my soul was brought to this, in my humiliation. Oh! then, the dreadful judgment was taken away, and the book of life was opened unto me, and the Lord spoke comfortably to me, 'I have loved you with an everlasting love;' and I was made a Christian through a day of vengeance, and of burning as an oven; and the haughtiness and pride of man in me was brought low."

Know you are going to die in this process and rejoice at the culmination of all your efforts to arrive at this moment. Because we hate our life, we have no fear of losing our life; for when we lose our life, we save our life, the new life, the eternal life of God. Be glad the Lord is going to completely eliminate that mind and spirit that dwelled in evil; look forward to that being the complete end of your old self. The man of flesh dies, but the new man rises.

Messages from the Word of the Lord within that apply to this baptism of death are:

- One actually dies to enter the camp.
- Death falls on man to end the world, including some whose eyes were never opened.
- You must hate your life to lose your life.
- There is a hate of life associated with praise at death.
- There is no burden of death among us.
- The sacrifice of life has been given to the few who would lose their life to save it.
- The sacrifice of life is a twist of fate.
- The sacrifice of life is given to those who can afford it.
- Thou art the sacrifice.
- It is an honorable thing to die for the Lord.
- Those who die bring honor to their parents.

- You are raised to a new life, not just an imitation; He is one with us and ever-present.
- Put on the new man.

The body dies in this baptism of death, but the believer is raised (resurrected) with Christ and translated into the kingdom of God. Though raised with Christ to live in the heavens, you will still walk the earth as a new creature together, in union with the Lord, showing the power and love of God to the world, to your great joy and to the pleasure, honor, and glory of God. George Fox was translated into the paradise of God where he then lived; but Fox still walked the earth too, resurrected with Christ in him, guiding his every word and deed.

The following is from kingdom-dwelling, early-Quaker Stephen Crisp's [The Necessity of a Holy Life](#), which gives us further first-hand knowledge of the baptism of fire and the resurrection of the believer with Christ:

"There is no coming to obtain this baptism, but by sinking down into what will slay you, what will kill you. But there is such a shifting to save one's life, there are so many twistings and twinings of people to save their lives, that at last they lose them. But no one can ever find life that is eternal, but those who are willing to be given up to the dead, and submit to this baptism — that is, by the Holy Ghost and by fire. Only such come to life; they come to the resurrection. For you never knew any that died this death but that they rose again; it is as impossible for death to hold any one down that is buried in this baptism,* as it was impossible to hold Christ down, when he was in the grave. The same power that brought again our Lord Christ from the dead, the same power it is that quickens us, **while we remain in these mortal bodies**, after we have sustained this death and crucifixion."

[* Your resurrection is very quick, and your burial is not in this physical world.]

Messages from the Word of the Lord within which apply to this day are:

- We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, male and female.
- Judgment begins with the house of God.
- People have not heard that you can lose your life.
- You must lose your life to save it.
- He comes in everlasting flames.
- God reveals Himself to His true servants.
- God reveals himself in fire.
- Many run from the fire.
- By fire does he make those truly seeking to be his body.
- The fire will not hurt you.
- All dies when the Word is touched.
- They lost their life by me taking their life.
- One dies to see the Lord.
- The time will come and now is when the dead shall hear the Son of God and live.
- You will hear his voice when He calls you.
- Christ is actually resurrected in every person that comes to Him and obeys Him repetitively.
- You have not experienced grace until you have been raised with Him.
- With persistent and faithful obedience, you too will be raised.
- Many have come; many will come; many will be raised.
- **Stand still, be calm; be still and know I am with you.**
- **Be submissive.**
- **My true friends take no thought of confessional; don't take the time when you get a clear view.**
- **Be strong and hope for a stalwart victory.**
- Every man's work must pass through the fire; every man's work is

judged by fire.

- Everyone will be salted with fire.
- I will devour those who do not follow, and snatch the righteous from the fire.
- The righteous will barely be saved.
- The time will come and now is when the dead shall hear the Son of God and live.
- Except I dig a man out of his grave, he shall no wise see salvation.
- You will receive a new heart and mind.
- The world ends as you step into another dimension.
- Put on the new creature.
- If anyone is standing with a new heart, he is a new creature.
- Put on the new man.

All others will be taken completely by surprise at his fearful appearance after their death. He is so pure and holy, they will instantly know they are hopelessly evil. He will cause them to panic and lose all reason — just wild, uncontrollable fear. See Howgill's description of what happens to those still sinning when they die.

This is what Christ came to preach: Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Look at all his parables. Most deal with the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the hidden pearl; not hidden in the scriptures, but hidden in understanding as to what it meant. Before Christ is revealed, the man of sin is revealed, showing you all manner of evil on the earth; **this is the abomination of desolation**, standing in the your heart's temple, where it should not. But this is end of your fleshly self, as Christ then comes and slays this residual spirit of Satan within you by the brightness of his coming, by his breath, and the splendor of his coming, by his crushing the head of Satan under your heel. The final judgment. The true baptism of the Holy Spirit: into the death of Christ. The sharing of his death. **Jesus is resurrected in you** to be your true Lord. 2 Cor4:14, Col2:11-12, 3:1, Eph 2:6, Rom 8:11.

From George Fox's Journal:

You must have fellowship with Christ in his sufferings; 1 Pet 4:12-13

if you will reign with him, you must suffer with him; 2 Tim 2:12

if you will live with him, you must die with him; 2 Tim 2:11

and if you die with him, you must be buried with him, Rom 6:4

and being buried with him in the true baptism, you also rise with him. Col 2:12, Eph 2:5-6

George Fox from the *Cambridge Journal*:

If you wait in what is pure in you, you will find and see, because God has given you a measure of his spirit, by which you can comprehend things and see the deceits. Now when the mind goes forth from that pure measure, which lets you see deceits, the simplicity is ensnared, and God is not in your thoughts any more; instead, the son of perdition *in you* sits in the temple of God, where he ought not to sit. With the birth of the Lord [in you], this son of perdition is discovered, and with the brightness of the Lord's coming [in you], he is consumed; that man of sin is revealed [in you], and so shall you witness the scriptures fulfilled. But you must wait in that which is pure, which will show you when your mind departs into disobedience, setting up Baal's priests (outward) before God, and that brings a distraction in the mind where there is a halting between two (you and God); for all of the troubles are outside in the world, but Christ said that "in me you shall have perfect peace." Wait in Christ and mind him in

yourself, (there is where you wait for his appearing). Keep focused inward, (stay seeking Christ within yourself), and do not follow the cries of *lo Christ is here* and *lo Christ is there* to distract you to outward seeking, you will have peace in a short time. You will later witness Christ, who is the substance of the prophets and apostles. The scriptures are shown to you *within* you (by Christ) to guide you to the Father, the Lord God of heaven and earth. By waiting for the Spirit of the Lord within you to guide your mind, you will find your strength renewed daily by the one Spirit that gave forth the scriptures. There is no confusion, but instead perfect peace. This Spirit baptizes into the one body, and this Spirit is the unity of the saints, who though absent in body, yet are present in Spirit, all being made to drink into one Spirit. This Spirit circumcises and puts off the body of sin from you, and you are sanctified through your obedience to the Spirit. You will come to witness the scriptures pure and clear, as they are without any mixture [of man's interpretations], as holy men possessed them and gave them forth. So holy men possess them and give them forth again and witness them again.

This is the appearance of Christ to you, bringing his Kingdom and salvation. This is to see your savior, to see God. This results in Jesus resurrected in you, (by today's terminology, a spiritual cloning), and having His glorious Kingdom established in your heart. The world as you see it ends. It is gone. You will not see it again. You step into another dimension, and walk by the Light of God, not the sun or the moon. This is He and the Father with you in fellowship. You are not only restored to the image of God, as were originally Adam and Eve, but you are later elevated beyond their state, beyond temptation. **We sit down in Christ to enter the rest;** to enter the rest from fighting our enemies, like Israel entered the rest after they had purged their land of the surrounding peoples, only our enemies are spiritual: lust, rage, selfishness, envy, greed, covetousness, jealousy, lying, cheating, stealing, sexual immorality, profane language, and evil thoughts, etc.

Salvation is to be delivered from sin and then later to be protected from evil, sanctified from our enemies of sin; never to fall to temptation again.

That he would grant to us, that **being delivered out of the hand of our enemies**, we might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Luke 1:74-5

You will enter the rest, to cease from your own labors, to walk in the spirit, under the power and promptings of the Father, through Christ, with whom you have joined in union; the pure church, sanctified, washed by the water of the word, at the wedding supper. This is to have Christ as your King forever. This is to be a priest to God forever and being next to Him as you worship Him. This is to worship Him in spirit and truth. This is to love God and be loved by Him. This is to be translated into paradise, while still residing on the earth — to step into another dimension of sight, awareness, and consciousness, being sanctified, separated, protected. This is everlasting peace and joy. This is the prize of the creation; you are God's crowning glory. This is the ultimate step in the creation. This is why the world was created. This is the purpose of life. This is more than you ever hoped for, and you will be overwhelmed with still more. This is overcoming evil. This is winning the war. This is becoming one with Christ and the Father. This is becoming his agent on earth, a soldier under direct command from Him, and with Him and His power leading you. This is no longer you who live, but Christ who lives in you. You have lost your life and found LIFE.

From the Word of the Lord within:

- "There is a treasure trove of experiences behind a locked door; no one knows what is set before them.
- You are raised to a new life, not just an imitation; He is one with us and ever-present.

- Do not be misled; you must enter the kingdom while on earth.
- Seek first the kingdom, and all else will be provided — provided you stay on course.
- I will come again to the elect; I will be a crown to lead and guide them.
- Happy are they who serve God in His kingdom.
- Oh seek the Lord you mighty, for the kingdom is sweet, and pure, and holy.
- He who does not seek the kingdom will be the poor.
- Oh seek the kingdom you mighty.
- Don't let the naysayers deflect you.
- Holy is the kingdom, the surrounding radiance of it.
- The world ends as you step into another dimension.
- You can live in heaven and still walk the earth.
- We stand in His presence; in the kingdom we stand before God and His holy angels; we behold His beauty.
- We stand before Him that we might glorify Him.
- We stand in the presence of God speaking forth His words as commanded.

A time of great rejoicing: a time of being told what to do.

The Father will reward those who persevere and stand before Him.

- There is a wondrous beauty to be had.
- My friends are in the kingdom, the covenanted.
- Those inside are warm and humble."

But as it is written, "Man's eye has not seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined, the things that God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Cor 2:9

You will show me the path of life; **in your presence is fullness of joy, at your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.** Psa 16:11

Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. Col 1:13

2000 years ago, Jesus said,
**"Truly I say to you, there are some standing here, who shall not
taste death, until they see the Son of Man coming in His
kingdom."**

Matt. 16:27-8, Mark 9:1, Luke 9:26-7

From the Word of the Lord within:

- **"Wait on God at every opportunity; make the most of every opportunity.**
- **For every generation of the earth, how one spends their time has now been defined.**
- **The narrow way has been established.**
- **The way is clear — listen and obey."**