

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17

God differentiates between "good" and "perfect." We all recognize good gifts, but perfect gifts often come in plain wrappers. No colorful wrapping or eye appeal, and at first glance may even appear undesirable. Many times our biggest perceived losses turn out to be "perfect gifts." It's not until we look back that we see God's hand at work in our life. Satan is an expert at diverting our attention from the best God has to offer us by



putting what seem to be "good" things before us. How often have you watched or read something else in lieu of spending time alone with God? We often will choose amusement over meditation. The very word "amusement," if examined, means; "a..." against, "...musement" meditating, or anti-thought. Why do you suppose Satan wishes to keep us from meditating? Why does the allure of the world make us "feel" good? If Satan can get us started down the road of following our feelings, then everything becomes questionable. Our decisions will be based on how we happen to feel instead of Truth. Carbon monoxide will make you feel drowsy and it will lull you to sleep only to kill you. The allure of the world's bright lights and "fun" will cause us to be led by our "lusts" and ultimately into sin and death. The Truth of God's Word is our only sure foundation. We must meditate *"therein day and night"* if we are to have "good" success and prosper in righteousness.

There is a way that seemeth right,
'Twill only lead to sin and night,
To right our way and mend our plight,
We only need to seek the Light. -CGP

God's "perfect" gifts are often viewed as having "plain brown wrappers," when examined by our feelings. Truth is our only Light in the gloom of sin's darkness. We don't need to *go towards* the Light; we need to *walk in* the Light; meditating constantly on the Word of God. I daresay, none of us meditates *"therein day and night."* Most of us consider ourselves spiritual if we spend an hour each day thinking on God's word. Is it any wonder that we find our faith weak? Is it any wonder that we cannot resist the glitter of the world? We need to seek the true brightness of God's Face and the glitter of the precious promises clinging to the pages of Scripture, true gems and not the costume jewelry of sin. We need to lay up treasure safely in heaven where *"neither moth or rust"* corrupt.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Luke 12:34