

We Faint Not - [II Corinthians 4:1-11](#)

Jesus exhorted the church at Sardis to remember His Word, **hold fast, and repent**; or Christ's appearance to them would be as a thief in the night. Many had spotted their garments, but it is only the overcomers that will wear the white robes. ([Revelation 3:3-6](#)). In the same context of Christ coming, Hebrews teaches God's people to hold fast to our profession **to the end**, and "our profession" comes from God's Word. ([Hebrews 10:23-38](#), [II Thessalonians 2:14-15](#), [Hebrews 4:7-16](#))

In Genesis chapter 41, we will find Joseph, living godly through many persecutions; but His guiding light was God's Word. God gave Joseph His Word and Joseph took heed which was made clear in his interpretations. In fact, God did what He always does, and first gave prophecy. ([Amos 3:7](#)), then the dreams explained what God was to bring about with his brethren and his parents on earth. [Genesis 37:5-11](#).

Only in the Bible can there be earthly prophesied events and at the same time stretch over the millenniums, and give a typical future lesson of God's only begotten Son becoming King, after horrendous suffering, and miraculously saving His Jewish remnant that held fast during the tribulation not taking the mark of the beast. ([Revelation 12:11](#)) Throughout all this, Joseph is going to suffer being hated, persecution, and false accusation; but end up being the Savior to his brethren that hated him and sold him into slavery. I think you will see the following Passages all fit this same context:

[II Timothy 3:12](#) Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

[I Peter 5:6](#) Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

[Philippians 4:7](#) And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

[Philippians 4:8](#) Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

[Philippians 4:9](#) Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Joseph led a godly life and suffered tribulations. We will also if we live godly in Christ Jesus, ([II Timothy 3:12](#)), and the persecution we endure cannot be compared to the "glory which shall be revealed in us". ([Romans 8:18](#)). Throughout Joseph being falsely accused, his time in prison, and even after the butler forgot about Joseph, ([Genesis 39-40](#)) Joseph kept his mind on God and didn't let the circumstances that surrounded and trapped him lead him into self-centeredness and depression. This became obvious with each opportunity he had to give an interpretation ([Genesis 41:32](#)), and the way he named his children. ([Genesis 41:50-52](#)). Joseph never let an attitude of "poor me" or worry overcome him. This is common to people in tuff circumstances; but Joseph trusted God holding fast unto the end.

Especially in chapters 40-41, Joseph demonstrates two characteristics, in which we are instructed throughout the Bible to emulate, first, **adherence to God's Word** and **endurance to the end**. These two learned characteristics gave Joseph perfect peace preparing him for the ministry that God had in store for him – The very salvation of his family. This salvation was to the brothers that shamefully treated and sold him into slavery. Joseph continues to be a perfect type of Christ from His miraculous birth to His Kingdom, while at the same time pointing to God's remnant preserved alive in the Tribulation.

The typical study of Joseph will make us aware of the instruction to have the same mind that Christ entertained while He was on earth. ([Philippians 2:5](#)). The Bible instructs us to have fellowship in the suffering of Christ. ([Philippians 3:7-11](#)) This can only be accomplished the same way Christ accomplished it – by first humbling Himself, enduring the tribulation, and was exalted at God's appointed time. ([Philippians 2:1-9](#), [I Peter 5:6-10](#)). As Joseph, we can experience joy in tribulations:

I Peter 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

I Peter 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, **ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.**

I Peter 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

I Peter 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as* a thief, or *as* an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

I Peter 4:16 Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

I Peter 4:17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it first begin* at us, **what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?**

I Peter 4:18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

I Peter 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

I Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

I Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

I Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

I Peter 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

I Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**

I Peter 5:11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

If we do entertain the same mindset that Christ entertained, humbly before God, our reward is not only afterwards, but some of it right now, God's Perfect Peace. Now, let's get back into Genesis, where Joseph is in prison, falsely accused by Potiphar's wife and his help forgotten by the butler:

A ministry **only bears fruit with the proper foundation of being emersed in and obedience to the Word.** Joseph was faithful in whatever came his way during what had to be frustrating thirteen years. He, no doubt, spent his time seeking God's ways and God continued to use Joseph until the time came that God announced him ready for full-time participation for God's purpose.

Joseph meets two of the Pharaoh's officials in prison with him

Genesis 40:1 And it came to pass after these things, *that* the butler of the king of Egypt and *his* baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.

Genesis 40:2 And Pharaoh was wroth against two *of* his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

Genesis 40:3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph *was* bound.

Genesis 40:4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

A. Only One Event Is Recorded

1. He probably was a while in prison, but only the account of the butler and the baker is given
2. Probably because this would set up Joseph later appearing before Pharaoh

B. The Captain of the Guard Put Joseph over Pharaoh's Officials

Pharaoh's Two Officers Dream Dreams

[Genesis 40:5](#) And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which *were* bound in the prison.

[Genesis 40:6](#) And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad.

[Genesis 40:7](#) And he asked Pharaoh's officers that *were* with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye *so* sadly to day?

[Genesis 40:8](#) And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, **Do not interpretations belong to God?** tell me *them*, I pray you.

A. Even In Prison Joseph Gives God The Glory

B. Joseph's mindset was "Do Not Interpretations Belong To God?"

C. Joseph did not have [Romans 8:1-8](#), But he knew to walk in the Spirit

1. As Joseph was tempted by Potiphar's wife - [Genesis 39:9](#);
2. As Joseph was before Pharaoh and named his children – [Genesis 41:16](#), [50-53](#);
3. As Joseph met the brothers who had shamefully treated him – [Genesis 45:8](#)

Pharaoh's Chief Cupbearer Tells His Dream To Joseph

[Genesis 40:9](#) And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me;

[Genesis 40:10](#) And in the vine *were* three branches: and it *was* as though it budded, *and* her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

[Genesis 40:11](#) And Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

[Genesis 40:12](#) And Joseph said unto him, This *is* the interpretation of it: The three branches *are* three days:

[Genesis 40:13](#) Yet within three days shall Pharaoh **lift up thine head**, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

[Genesis 40:14](#) But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

[Genesis 40:15](#) For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

Pharaoh's Chief Baker Tells His Dream To Joseph

[Genesis 40:16](#) When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and, behold, *I had* three white baskets on my head:

[Genesis 40:17](#) And in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

[Genesis 40:18](#) And Joseph answered and said, This *is* the interpretation thereof: The three baskets *are* three days:

[Genesis 40:19](#) Yet within three days shall Pharaoh **lift up thy head from off thee**, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

The Prophetic Interpretations Are Fulfilled

[Genesis 40:20](#) And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

[Genesis 40:21](#) **And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:**

[Genesis 40:22](#) **But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.**

[Genesis 40:23](#) Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

A. Joseph Used a Key Expression: “Lifted Up The Head”

1. Capable of being interpreted in opposite ways – KJV translators made it plain.
2. Could mean the butler’s pardon and restoration
3. Could mean the baker’s hanging

B. Also used In [II Kings 25:27](#)

C. Joseph had to wait another two years because the butler forgot

Pharaoh has a dream

[Genesis 41:1](#) And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

[Genesis 41:2](#) And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

[Genesis 41:3](#) And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and lean fleshed; and stood by the *other* kine upon the brink of the river.

[Genesis 41:4](#) And the ill favoured and lean fleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

[Genesis 41:5](#) And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

[Genesis 41:6](#) And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

[Genesis 41:7](#) And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream.

Pharaoh sends for his magicians

[Genesis 41:8](#) And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

The Butler Finally Remembers Joseph – Tells Pharaoh

[Genesis 41:9](#) Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

[Genesis 41:10](#) Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, *both* me and the chief baker:

[Genesis 41:11](#) And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

[Genesis 41:12](#) And *there was* there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

[Genesis 41:13](#) And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

God will give Pharaoh an interpretation of peace from God’s Words – God’s Word brings peace

[Genesis 41:14](#) Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself*, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

[Genesis 41:15](#) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

[Genesis 41:16](#) And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.*

Pharaoh tells Joseph the details of the dream

[Genesis 41:17](#) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

[Genesis 41:18](#) And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow:

[Genesis 41:19](#) And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness:

Genesis 41:20 And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine:

Genesis 41:21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

Genesis 41:22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:

Genesis 41:23 And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them:

Genesis 41:24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me.

Joseph gives Pharaoh God's Words of what God is about to do

Genesis 41:25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* one: **God hath shewed Pharaoh what he *is* about to do.**

Genesis 41:26 The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream *is* one.

Genesis 41:27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

Genesis 41:28 This *is* the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God *is* about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

Genesis 41:29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

Genesis 41:30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

Genesis 41:31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it *shall be* very grievous.

Genesis 41:32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; ***it is* because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.**

Joseph's after dream instructions from God

Genesis 41:33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:34 Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

Genesis 41:35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

Genesis 41:36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

Genesis 41:37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

Joseph is made second in command

Genesis 41:38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?*

Genesis 41:39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art*:

Genesis 41:40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according **unto thy word shall all my people be ruled:** only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

Genesis 41:41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

Genesis 41:43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:46 And Joseph *was* thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

Joseph fills the barns during the seven years of great plenty

Genesis 41:47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

Genesis 41:48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same.

Genesis 41:49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for *it was* without number.

Joseph names his two sons praising God all the way

Genesis 41:50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him.

Genesis 41:51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For **God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.**

Genesis 41:52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For **God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.**

Joseph is the provider for the world

Genesis 41:53 And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

Genesis 41:54 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

Genesis 41:55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

Genesis 41:56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy *corn*; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

The Apostle Paul, on his second missionary trip after being called as the Apostle to the Gentiles, wrote to a church he had originally founded in the city of Thessalonica. It was in this city that the unbelieving Jews had to admit to the city rulers that the Christians had turned the world upside down, and subsequently, the Christians suffered terrible persecution. This very thing had been prophesized in the Old Testament ([Psalm 146:9](#)). The church was under heavy persecution and even had to remove Paul from the city. Paul later wrote a letter to this church with admonition from the Lord, and as we read it we can notice that Paul's inspired admonition was more than just encouragement, but rather **included the same characteristics that Joseph demonstrated throughout his trials and dealing with his brethren.**



Paul was very concerned about his flock in Thessalonica as he wrote these inspired Words:

We are appointed unto tribulation

1 Thessalonians 3:1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;

1 Thessalonians 3:2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

1 Thessalonians 3:3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

1 Thessalonians 3:4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

Paul could no longer forbear – He had to know if Thessalonians were still serving God – Why?

1 Thessalonians 3:5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

Timothy gave a good report concerning this church – Paul was comforted in his tribulations

1 Thessalonians 3:6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:

1 Thessalonians 3:7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:

Now we live if ye stand fast in the Lord

1 Thessalonians 3:8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

Paul prayed for this church and desired to perfect anything lacking in their faith – Why?

1 Thessalonians 3:9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

1 Thessalonians 3:10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

1 Thessalonians 3:11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

I Thessalonians 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:

What is the reason that Paul was concerned about their walk with God?

I Thessalonians 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

I Thessalonians 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

Pleasing God, keeping His commandments, and that they separate from the world.

I Thessalonians 4:2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

I Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

I Thessalonians 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

I Thessalonians 4:5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

I Thessalonians 4:6 That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

To what is this church called?

I Thessalonians 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

I Thessalonians 4:8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

I Thessalonians 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

I Thessalonians 4:10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

I Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

I Thessalonians 4:12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

I Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

I Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Why was Paul concerned about Thessalonica that they separate from the world and forsake sin

I Thessalonians 4:15-18 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

I Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

I Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

I Thessalonians 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

With the Rapture in view, we need to hold fast to our profession unto the end. The Lord granted Israel the New Covenant, in which He will write His Law in their hearts. Today, the church comprised of Jews and Gentiles have liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free:

Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

Religion is a killer

Galatians 5:3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

Galatians 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

Galatians 5:5 For we **through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.**

Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Galatians 5:7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

Galatians 5:8 This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you.

Galatians 5:9 **A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.**

Galatians 5:10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, **that ye will be none otherwise minded:** but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

Galatians 5:11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.

Galatians 5:12 I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

Notice to explain this we have election and free will

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Galatians 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Galatians 5:15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

The flesh and the Spirit are contrary the one to the other

Galatians 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Galatians 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

If we walk in the Flesh, our works will be:

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Galatians 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Galatians 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

If we walk in the Spirit, our fruits will be

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Galatians 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.