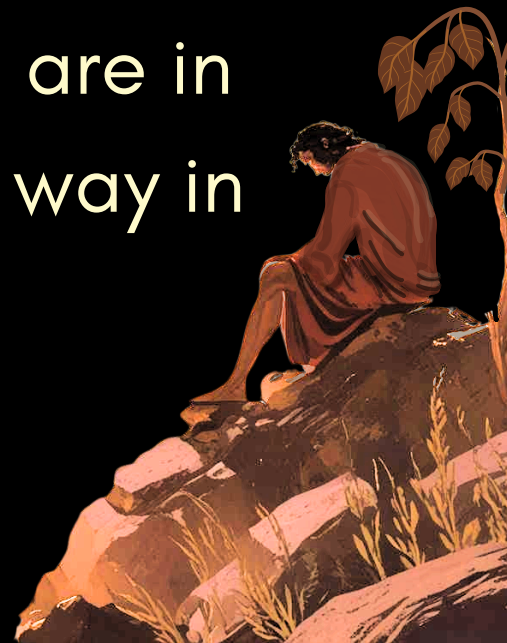


1 John 2:1-6 ESV

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.



1 John 2:1-6 ESV

God requires that you would not sin. That is a strong requirement, since you are justified and you continue sinning. God reveals your sin and has given you an advocate in Jesus Christ, who is perfect. Jesus has done all that is needed to live truthfully and grow in truly loving God. When you realize that you sin and contradict the love of God, quickly confess that sin and receive forgiveness. If that sin affects another person, then go and reconcile with them. You abide in Christ, so live in that abiding love.

God reveals sin to help you truly love God!



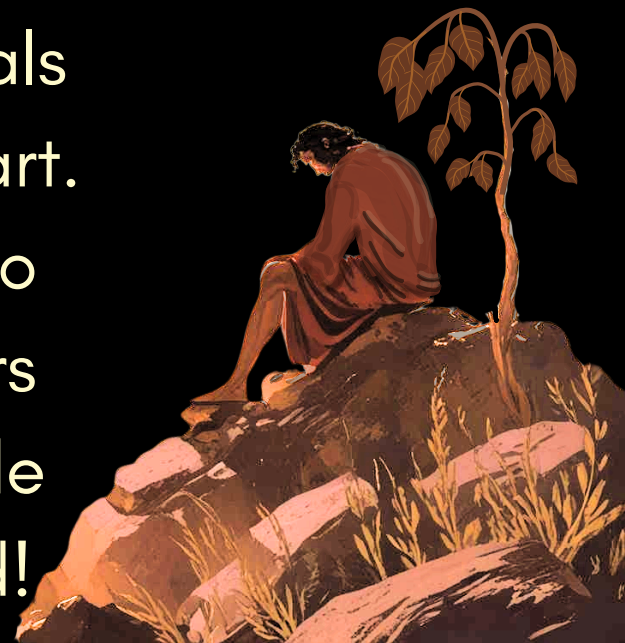
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 ESV

13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

God knows all things and will deal with you appropriately. Your life is to show that you are a child of God whom God loves and has given you faith to believe in Jesus Christ. The result of your salvation gives you life and transforms your heart, your mind, and your actions. A child of God fears

Him and keeps His commands. Solomon writes that fearing God and keeping His commands is your life's purpose and obligation. God reveals every deed, from every thought, and every desire and value of your heart.

The good things bring praise and honor. The evil things are exposed so that they can be dealt with lovingly and appropriately. God empowers obedient life from love. This refining work makes you able to fully abide with God enjoying His love. God reveals sin to help you truly love God!

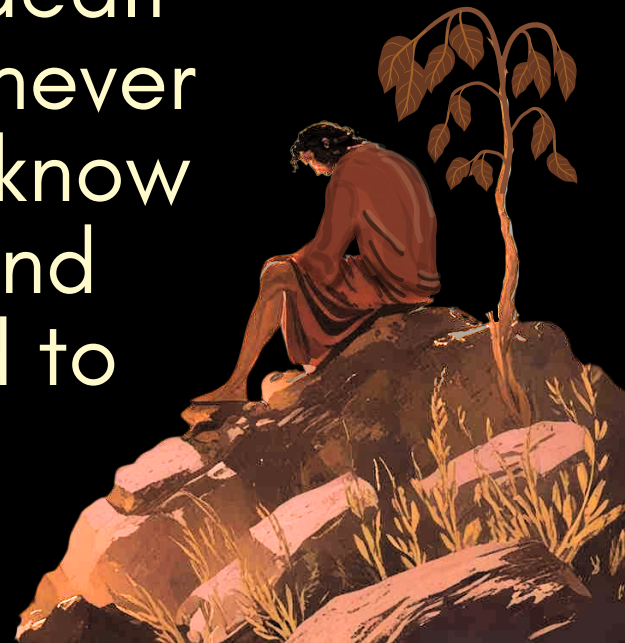


Psalm 139:23-24 ESV

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

The author pleads for God to search him and know his heart. The deep desire of the child of God is to be known. Being fully known will reveal things that are embarrassing, causes us to try and hide those things. You want God to know you; all of you!

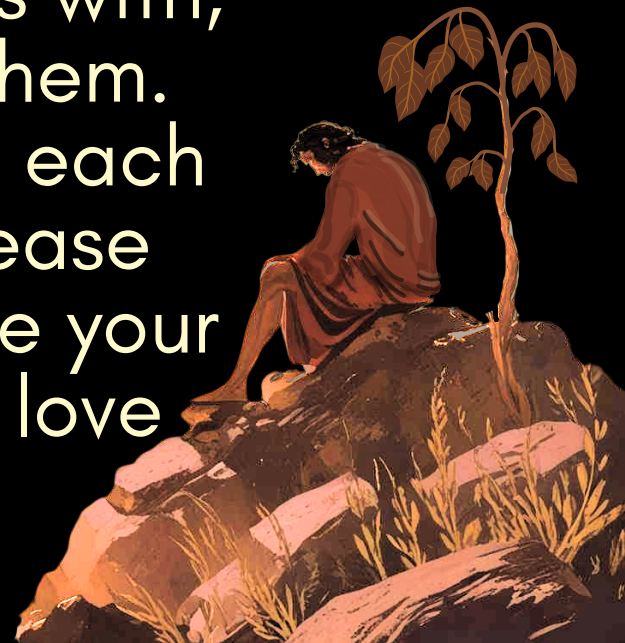
The pleasing things God sees will bring joy and honor. The grievous (grave) things that are in your heart need to be dealt with so that you can be led in the way that is eternal and never ends. Take up this plea today and ask God to search you, know you, try you, and know your thoughts. As God exposes and reveals grievous things, confess them and plead for God to help you abide with Him and truly love Him!



Ephesians 5:7-10 ESV

7 Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

You encounter people every day who appear to be righteous and good, but they are not. They do what they think is right and good, but it is selfish and destructive. Do not join your life with theirs. You will have partnerships, share business, be neighbors with, and connect in other ways, but do not become joined with them. You are called to live a pleasing life and look more like Christ each day. Your life should please God and that is what should please you. The more you know what pleases God and do it, the more your life will bring Him pleasure. God reveals sin to help you truly love God!



Ephesians 5:13-17 ESV

13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." 15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Jonah was asleep while God brought correction. Jonah was unaware of and choose to ignore God's work to correct Him. God reveals this sin of "sleeping" or spiritual slumber. God is exposing your sin so that you can confess it, receive forgiveness, live wisely, and glorify God every day.

Stop sleeping spiritually and wake up to what God is doing in you, around you, and through you. Knowing God's will is to glorify Him. Glorifying God will give you a life that is full and enjoys God's presence and work. God reveals sin to help you truly love Him!

