

***Life Principle Day Sixteen:***  
***Whatever you acquire outside***  
***of God's will eventually turn to***  
***ashes.***

Today's Reading  
**1 Peter 1:13-25**



Today's walk takes you through the rolling hills of self-control, one of the qualities that characterizes the fruit of the Spirit in your life (Gal. 5:22,23). This kind of self control gives you discipline to "obey the truth" (v. 22) and leads to holiness. Peter reminds us to walk with Christ, by quoting Leviticus 19:2, "Be holy, because I am holy." This is not an easy path to travel. At times you may be tempted to acquire things outside the will of God. But, it is a steadfast heart for God's Word that gives self-control to live in God's will.

Being children of God, we have the opportunity to allow the Creator of the universe to lead our decisions. Decisions made...things pursued and acquired...in life that don't include God's involvement don't last. When you fail to consult and follow Him, you may not

recognize it immediately. In fact, you may even feel as if you experienced initial success. Certainly, no later than at the judgment seat of Christ, your work will be shown for what it is. Some of the work in your life may be burned up! (1 Cor. 12-15)

When you walk with a self-controlled commitment to live a holy life, obedient to God's will, your acquisitions are fireproof and imperishable. Each follower of Jesus must discipline heart, mind, and soul to make decisions with a strong commitment to God's will.

The Word of God is His will! The Word of God is His will! The Word of God is His will! No, my computer is not going haywire. I want you to communicate the message that living God's will is done by living His Word.

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