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This Is A Word For Your Day **- Firm Convictions -**

**The Blood
Of Jesus
Will Never Lose
Its
Power!**

Galatians 2:3-9 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: (4) And that because of **false brethren** unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: **To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue**

In our text verse, the Apostle Paul, relates to us, how there were false brethren (verse 4) who, tried to sow their false doctrine of keeping the Law for salvation, to whom Paul did not yield to in any way (verse 4). But Paul stood firm in his faith!

with you. (6) But of these who seemed to be somewhat, **(whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:)** for they who seemed *to be somewhat* in conference added nothing to me: (7) But contrariwise, when they saw that **the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me**, as *the gospel* of the circumcision was unto Peter; (8) (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:) And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we *should go* unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

Someone once said, **"Say what you believe and believe what you say."** Another person said, **"A person who will not stand for something, will fall for anything"**. People who never take a stand on anything, are not trustworthy! Sometimes this is called being double minded.

James 1:5-8 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (6) But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. (7) For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. (8) **A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.**

1) Standing firm on what and why we believe, is a critical part of being a mature Christian.

Hebrews 5:12-14 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. (13) For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. (14) **But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

2) Fixing your sights on your goals and forgetting the past, is critical for a Christian.

Philippians 3:13-14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, **forgetting those things which are behind**, and **reaching forth unto those things which are before**, (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 9:10 Or saith he *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written: that **he that ploweth should plow in hope**; and that **he that thresheth in hope** should be partaker of his hope.

Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, **No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. — 1 Thessalonians 5:24