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I made haste, and did not delay to keep Your commandments. Psalm 119:60 (NKJV).

Thought for today...

Have you ever wondered why on earth Eve chose to listen to the serpent in the garden of Eden? Literally in paradise and wanting for nothing, all Adam was required to do in the garden was ‘to tend and keep it’ (Genesis 2:15) and to heed God’s instruction: ‘And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”’ Genesis 2:16-17 (New King James Version).



Perhaps Adam and Eve thought that if there were any consequences of eating from the tree, the pros would outweigh the cons given that the serpent told Eve: “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:4-5). The Book of Proverbs warns: There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV).

Despite the cautionary tale of Adam and Eve, we may still question why it’s necessary for us to obey; Jesus said: “If you love Me, keep My commandments...” John 14:15 (NKJV).

Additionally, Jesus said: **“Those who accept My commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me. My Father will love those who love Me; I too will love them and reveal Myself to them.”** John 14:21 (Good News Translation).

And to those who obey, Jesus promises: **“... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”** John 14:23 (NKJV).

Still not convinced? Perhaps we think we can continue to do things our own way and that somehow it'll all work out OK? The Book of Proverbs gives us a sobering warning: **‘If anyone turns a deaf ear to My instruction, even their prayers are detestable.’** Proverbs 28:9 (NIV).

After Jesus opened the eyes of the man who was born blind, the man testified to the Pharisees: **“We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him.”** John 9:31 (English Standard Version).

The Apostle Peter tells us: **‘For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’** 1 Peter 3:12 (ESV).

‘Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.’ Isaiah 30:21 (NKJV).



God is always speaking to us; the question is, are we listening and willing to quickly obey?...