

WARNING TO THE WILLFUL

If you say that you love Jesus
but are lax to keep His word,
you'll not know His strong assurance
that your prayers to God are heard.

If you follow at a distance
from the Master's measured pace,
you may miss what He's bestowing
of His gifts and special grace.

You can quench the Holy Spirit
by the way you think and live,
even fail to recognize Him
and the comfort He would give.

Though your wisdom gathers reasons
why the LORD is on your side,
if you disregard His leading,
you'll not have Him as your Guide.

If you'll do what Jesus tells you,
with a love for Him that's true,
don't you know that God the Father
comes to make His home in you?

So, don't flirt with *hidden* knowledge—
tainting truth with Satan's lie.
Cling to Christ as Scripture teaches
and obey Him till you die.

— *David L. Hatton, 12/23/2021*