

## If Only

I would follow God, be in complete obedience ...

### 1) IF ONLY...Temptations were not so strong! Joseph Genesis 39:7-12

How many youth of today, were they suffering for their integrity, would bear the trial as did Joseph? He did not give himself up to gloomy forebodings, nor occupy his hours in relating how miserably he had been repaid for his fidelity to his master and to his God. Although suffering under the severest trial of faith—the loss of his situation, of his master’s confidence, and of his liberty—yet he did not waste his time in dwelling upon the dark side of the picture. Although vice seemed to triumph, while virtue was trampled in the dust, Joseph did not make his lot worse by repining. He possessed genuine religion. It was this that gave him strength to resist temptation, that led him to utter the noble words, “How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” Joseph remembered that the all-seeing eye of God was upon him. It was this that kept him from discouragement under the test of temptation and adversity. He did not foster hatred against his enemies; his sympathy with humanity was strong. He did all in his power to help and relieve the discouragement and wretchedness of the prisoners. He forgot self, and became cheerful in helping others to bear their woes. He was the servant of servants, and gained in his humiliation the confidence and love of his companions in adversity. {Lt20-1868}

Besides... 1 Corinthians 10:13

### 2) IF ONLY... there was not this constant complaining - Moses

Exodus 15:24

Exodus 16:2

Exodus 17:3

Numbers 14:2

Numbers 16:41

### 3) IF ONLY... I wasn't told "I hate you!" - Samuel Rejected as prophet 1 Samuel 8:6-7

### 4) IF ONLY ... there was not this constant fighting! - Jesus' disciples

Mark 9:33-34

Luke 9:43-46

Luke 22:24-25

### 5) IF ONLY ... Lack of sleep? - Jesus had lack of sleep both in prayer and most stressful time

Luke 6:12

Mark 14:32-42