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- Don't “quench” the light by not reading and meditating on it on a regular basis (Psm. 119:97, Psm. 1:2)

Bible Relevancy of everyday life ?

Do you ever GRUMBLE at work? **(Phil. 2:14-15)**

Are you ever COVETOUS? **(Lk. 12:15)**

Are you ever ANXIOUS? **(Matt. 6:25-34)**

Do you ever LOSE YOUR TEMPER IN ANGER?
(Eph. 4:26-27)

Do you ever CUT CORNERS IN YOUR WORK?
(Col. 3:22-24)

Do you ever FEEL SORRY FOR YOURSELF? **(Psm. 73)**

Are we not **“DESPISING”** God’s revelation when we do not even open it to look at it?



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- Drunken revellings OK when it is a New Year ?
(I Pet. 2:11-12, Gal. 5:21-22, I Pet. 4:1-4, Eph. 5:18, Col. 3:16)



Now we know
“how” God’s
Word Works in
the Believer...
(1 Thess. 2:13)



**The light is allowed
to shine in our hearts**

**We continue to use it
as our standard for
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**We continue to grow
in it to maintain
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