

# There's MORE

## Following God is not a Loss

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>> Following God is not giving up what you want because it's the right thing to do.

>> Following Jesus is not doing without, but following Jesus is finding what you are actually missing in life.

Galatians 5:19-25

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results **are very clear**: Sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Psalms 37:1-4

Don't worry about the wicked  
or envy those who do wrong.  
For like grass, they soon fade away.  
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.  
Trust in the LORD and do good.  
Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.  
Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you your heart's desires.

When you understand that following God is not a loss:

1. You begin to follow him out of trust instead of duty

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

When you understand that following God is not a loss:

1. You begin to follow him out of trust instead of duty

**2. You begin to look for God's correction instead of avoid it**

Proverbs 3:11-12

My child, don't reject the LORD's discipline,  
and don't be upset when he corrects you.  
For the LORD corrects those he loves,  
just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.