

# Why Not Do Things God's Way?

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*Romans 6:20-23 "For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to GOD, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death but the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD."*

Why would I want to live in a manner that may seem enjoyable now but guarantees eternal death, separation from GOD forever? Is fulfilling the desires of the flesh now worth an eternity of misery and pain?

*James 1:13-17 "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of GOD: for GOD cannot be tempted of evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."*

All good gifts are from GOD. Life, love, salvation, even the very air we breathe are gifts no one but the Father can give us. Without Him we would not exist. Without Him we would not know love, for He is love. Without Him there would be no salvation. Our GOD is good and rich in His blessings toward His children.

*Matthew 7:7-11 "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find: knock and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Of if he ask a fish will he give him a serpent? If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?"*

GOD's way is our only hope. GOD's way is full of blessings. GOD's way brings salvation.

*Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of GOD."*

Let us accept the free gifts of GOD by obeying His will. Let us praise, honor and respect our LORD for His precious gifts and let us show that respect and thankfulness by our obedience to Him. Instead of "GOD Bless America" our cry should be "America Honor GOD."

*2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be unto GOD for his unspeakable gift."*