

The Great Lie

One of the great lies of our times: “you can have it all”. No choices, no priorities; you can “have your cake and eat it too” as the old saying goes. The advertising media on all fronts tells us that we deserve whatever we desire; that we are entitled to it. Now I know that is just marketing and creating a need in consumers to sell their product, and I know we are “sensible” adults that can make our own choices... BUT we have developed it into a culture. We feel the right to what we desire. We are by (old) nature covetous; we want what we want. I’ve recently heard the saying “the heart wants what the heart wants” to justify a helplessness concerning a person’s desires, but we must realize and embrace the truth of scripture that we choose what is acceptable unto the Lord. The writer of Hebrews in chapter 12 tells us to “lay aside every weight” so that we may run the race before us. There will always be appeal in sin and distraction. It’s like bait on the hook; without it the enemy would have no draw no allure. We don’t make our choices based on what feels good or comfortable but by what we know is holy before the Lord. Our music must be what is holy, not what we like. Our choices of language, entertainment, occupation and time priorities are to be chosen as holy unto God.

There is a cost to discipleship; there always has been. Christ said that we must love Him before all others. He said we can only serve one master. He said that we must count the cost and that if we do not forsake all else, we cannot be His disciple. Yes, it IS worth the cost, but each of us must make that choice daily, even in each incident to choose holy over worldly, to choose Christ over self.

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