

Let's Go Back to the World and See What We Are Missing

An old Cherokee told his grandson, "My son, there is a battle between two wolves inside us all. One is Evil.

The Evil: It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies, & ego.

The other is Good; It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy, & truth."

The boy thought about it, and asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins?" The old man quietly replied, "The one you feed."

Let's take a journey back in time, back to when we were free to do whatever we wanted without God messing with us.

Free and no one could tell us what to do

Without God convicting us, back when we could watch what we want, listen to whatever music we wanted to.

Let's go back to when we would sneak around and do things that we didn't want our parents or spouse knowing. And we sure didn't want the Pastor knowing it.

Numbers: 32:23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.

- Back to where I didn't have to be concerned about whom I ran around with.
- Drinking, smoking, cussing, cheating trying to hide sin from God.
- Let's go back to where we didn't mind lying to people, taking things that didn't belong to us.

What's the saying? Oh yeah I want to live and have fun.

Have you got a picture of that yet?

- Let's go back to the drinking and partying and the drugs.
- Back to when we would wake up sick or broke or worse than that be in jail.

Does that seem like a better life then what you have now?

Having to live with all those Godly restrictions?

- 1. When Satan was leading us into hell and we had no fear of it.
- 2. When you don't feel bad about not going to church not worshiping God.

Back when we weren't bound but we were free because our God Satan doesn't require anything good of us.

- Back when no one said anything about the way you looked or dressed
- Back when no one cared for your soul when no one cared if you went to HELL or not.
- A. Wasn't those the good old days?
- B. Wasn't that back when we were really living?
- C. Back when you didn't have to avoid church people because you were sinning

- D. Because back then you really didn't care what people thought of you.
- E. You could be anything or anybody you wanted to be and it wasn't anybody's business what we done.
- F. I remember those days of sleeping in on Sunday and no one caring if I didn't show up for church.

Back when God wasn't an issue. Praying wasn't necessary, paying tithes wasn't required.

If you didn't think anything was wrong with what you were doing then why are you hiding your sin? Why do you avoid people?

If doesn't matter what people think then why does it make you mad?

Let's go back to a part of the world when:

- A. Back when we just lived and done anything our heart desired.
- B. Dated who we wanted and no one cared.

Boy that was the life wasn't it? Well wasn't it?

You know going to hell was a joke that was for those religious fanatics that have to live such a boring life just to get to heaven.

Y O' let's not forget those parties that our parents didn't know about.

O' let's not forget the fornication we didn't tell our parents but we bragged about it to our friends because that makes us look grown up.

Well at least back then we had peace of mind no worries no restrictions nothing that we couldn't talk our way out of.

We could just throw a fit with our parents and eventually they would give in and we could have a good old laugh with our friends about how ignorant they are.

Isn't it amazing how that kind of life seems better to people than having people who really love you, who give you good Godly advice?

- 1. That knowing that living for God is going to make a better person out of you?
- 2. You can lie down at night with the peace of God.

What worldly thing can compare to what you feel in the Holy Ghost?

When you are in the presence of God himself and the creator is living inside your heart.

When you are talking in a heavenly language that is between you and God only?

Now that we have visited the world let me show you the reward of living a worldly life.

Don't get me wrong it may be fun now and I have to admit I have had my share of worldly fun and adventure.

I was sixteen and I quit school. I went to Florida. I was grown in my own mind. I made my own living. I worked two to three jobs just to have a place to stay and eat.

I had all the worldly friends I wanted. They didn't care what I did--- man what good friends they were. I could drive drunk and no one said anything about it, not my friends any way.

I could smoke dope and no one would tell on me: isn't that what we would call good friends?

I worked in packing houses day and night. I worked in the fields crawling around on my hands and knees planting tomatoes, anything I could do to make money.

I could drink and no one cared, I went to jail for my drinking but no one could tell me what to do.

I did drugs and other things that I won't mention.

I had the world and the world had me and I served the devil well. I am blessed to be alive. I made it... had a second chance but you may not be as fortunate as I am.

Here's the reward of that kind of lifestyle.

The reality is that the Bible does teach that hell exists and that there are people who are there right now.

That is not an easy reality to face, but the truth is that we have all violated God's laws. That is why Jesus had to come to die on the cross as a payment for our sins.

Because we are all guilty.

The Living Bible translate Revelation 21-8 like this: But cowards who turn back from following me, and those who are unfaithful to me and the corrupt and murderers and the immoral and those conversing with demons and idol worshipers and all liars-their doom is in the Lake that burns with fire and sulphur-- This is the Second Death.

That is the reward of the wicked: 2 Peter 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

- 19. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage
- 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.
- 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. You're taking a chance you may never make it back!
- 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

BUT LISTEN TO ME: Heaven is a different story: Rev 21:1-7 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away and there was no more sea.

- 2 And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people and God himself shall be with them and be their God.
- 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
- 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.
- 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
- 7 He that **overcometh** shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son.

That is just a glimpse of what God has in store for them that love him. You may still desire the world and that will have to be your decision. The fun usually ends in tragedy.

Wasn't it better when you didn't have a Pastor or other Saints of God who nosed into your business?

Wasn't it much better when you didn't have to hide too dress like you want?

No one asking you to pray or not spend all your time on the computer or phone?

Just do what I want to do and everyone mind their own business.

Well I am sorry I love you too much not to tell you those things I care about you making it to heaven.

I care about who you hang with and talk to and if you are a young person I care about whom you date and who you hang with.

If me loving you is meddling into your business take it up with Jesus because my soul and where I spend eternity hangs on that very thing; warning you of what is wrong in your life and lifting you up when you do good.

Ezek 3:17-19

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: { In my case Lilbourn} therefore hear the word at my mouth and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; **the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.**

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

So folks, I love you and I am required by the Lord to be in your business. If that is a problem, tell the Lord. But my hands will be clean.

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