

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner

It may be the enticement for millions of dollars by winning the lottery, a championship ring placed on our finger, or a trophy elevated above our head for all to see. Whatever excites you to get out of bed each morning, ride that wave while you search for improvement from your current state.

The downside to most opportunities are the real possibility of failure and embarrassment. How do you remove them and guarantee a soft landing with desired outcomes? You don't.

God does.

Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all things will be given to you as well."

Sounds easy. Plays tough.

God reminds us to direct our vision on him and turn away from distractions, often leading to darkness and evil.

Acts 26:18," to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

If we focus on God, our vision narrows, but our sight expands. Through His eyes, which are now placed in our hearts, everything we see is compared to God's vision, and evil will be exposed.

Give it up to God.

It's not just our worries; give it all. God takes care of our worries, so why should we hold on to them?

If you worry, you are doubting God's will for us, which can be viewed as sinning because you lack faith.

Give it all, primarily glory.

Give God the glory, and we will keep the joy.
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Psalm 86:12, I will praise you, Lord, my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

God takes the glory and gives infinite blessings back to us.

God also lovingly accepts our faults, sins, and weaknesses.

No ticket needs to be purchased. No risk is taken.

The guarantee is given for the desired outcome.

Folk singer Bob Dylan's hit song Gotta Serve Somebody had a chorus that went like this;
"But you're going to have to serve somebody, yes indeed.
You're going to have to serve somebody.
Well, it may be the devil, or it may be the Lord.
But you're going to have to serve somebody."

Matthew 6:24 makes it very clear as well. "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

When our final decision should be crystal clear, why do we convolute the journey causing anxiety instead of joy?

We are human, and we make mistakes.

Over and over and over again.

Ask for forgiveness, then hit repeat.

I have heard some say the shepherds and most laborers when Jesus walked the earth were not very intelligent, and Jesus had to be vague with his parables so each could interpret them based on their intellectual capacities to grasp his message and pass it along.

We have every possible option for gaining knowledge, but are we wiser?

A piece of paper hanging on a wall that signifies a degree, or a title only has significance to the person whose name is printed on the paper. It may allow one to walk through life with a little more confidence, but it does not offer guarantees.

God does.

Unlike the financial lottery, which offers odds of hundreds of millions to one, or a game of poker that cost the lives of many in the Old West, invest your assets in the spiritual lottery provided by God, which offers 100% success and 100% eternal joy.

No lives will be lost, and everyone will have a Royal Kingdom Flush.

I'm ready to sit at this table, so deal me in.

All are winners, and winners take all.

Via Jesu