

LOSE YOUR LIFE TO FIND IT

If a soldier in the military is overly focused on staying alive, he can be paralyzed with fear and not be able to do what he is supposed to do.

He basically needs to consider himself already dead.

A Christian should have the same attitude in our service to God.

Americans in general need to become much much tougher, we are mostly a nation of wimps.

In order to serve the Lord, we can't be concerned with our own desires or even our own survival.

In others words, you need to lose your old life (for Him) to find your new life in Him.

But not just as a strategy to get your own way, we need to actually give our lives over to the Lord.

We need to actually surrender and become like a prisoner of war.

When we truly surrender to Him, we gain a new life with greater joy and fulfillment.

We can trust God to work out all our problems if we obey Him.

Let God be your day to day manager.

It is part of God's design that we are not able to handle everything that comes up in our lives.

God wants us to come to Him and also come to other people to ask for help.

God wants us to be yoked with Him, but we have to put our head in the yoke.

When we are yoked with Him, He pulls most of the burden.

God's burden for us is to help others, then God takes care of us.

You may feel like you have nothing to offer, but we all have some sort of talent or ability that would be a blessing to someone else.

The devil tries to get us to believe that surrendering to God means we are giving up all of our fun and excitement in life, but the opposite is true.

There is more fun and excitement and fulfillment and joy when we surrender to the Lord.

The world thinks that the way to happiness is to eliminate everything negative in our lives.

But the true way to happiness is to surrender to God, to lose your life for Him and obey Him.

There is a song that says, Trust and obey for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

God says, I will take care of you. I want to take care of you, but I am going to take care of you as you are willing to do whatever I call you to do and you put your eyes to me and to other people.

We are here to be God's hands and feet in this earth.

Don't be afraid to lose you routine, to lose your life, or to lose your control.

Trust the Lord.

Be cautious about just doing everything you think you should do, listen for God voice to know if you are really supposed to do a particular thing.

We can end up doing stuff the Lord never actually asked us to do and get burned out.

We need to be spending time in God's Word (the Bible) in order to hear His voice.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Matthew 16:24-25

Matthew 11:28-30

Proverbs 27:23-27

Numbers 12:3

Matthew 25:34-40

2 Samuel 12:24-25