

## LIVING FOR GOD IS NOT ALL PEACHES AND CREAM

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There are a lot of people not following God today, who at one time did follow God, but because God did not do what they thought He would do, because life turned out different than they expected, they got mad at God, they got bitter toward life or toward others, and today, they are living only for themselves.

People are being misled by the millions and being told that if they start following Christ, all of their troubles will be over. That is a lie! Life might get better and it might not. That is the truth!

God doesn't want us coming to Him for a better life; He wants us coming to Him because of Him. Because we love Him. Because He died to save us. Because we want to spend eternity in Heaven, even if it means living in hell on earth.

I can't tell you that if you become a Christian, you won't ever have any more troubles. I can't promise you that your sickness will be healed and your bank account will over flow and your children will never do anything to embarrass you.

The truth of the matter is that you might spend your whole life sick and you might live paycheck to paycheck and your kids might grow up and be rebellious.

That might not be what you want to hear, but that is the truth! That might not be very encouraging, but that is reality!

Jesus died a horrible death and so might we. Jesus had to endure great pain and sorrow and so might we. Jesus was scared and disfigured in life and so might we be.

The Christian life is not all peaches and cream.

John 16:33.. In the world ye shall have tribulation:

We all will have trouble and trials and tribulations but we have to make up our minds that we are going to live for God regardless of what we have to go through in life.

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

We have to be determined that nothing is going to move us and nothing is going to keep us from finishing our course and nothing is going to steal our joy.