

Too Good to Be True???

From other people, we seldom, if ever, hear the whole truth. The best of people in this world, without faith in God, are incapable of even knowing the whole truth. **With the best of intentions**, these people who produce advertisements, films, books, newspapers, etc., can only communicate half-truths. Their every thought and action is distorted, and less than perfectly truthful, because of their prejudices supported by their pride, selfishness, envy, greed, laziness, lustfulness and gluttony.

The Devil, and his followers, have no intention of leading us to anything good. They are always scheming, and looking to mislead people. At their best, they are wholly insensitive, and always take pleasure, in deceiving people. They put on a good show of being friendly, and even, at times, well-intentioned. Their advertising, books, films, entertainments and magazines offer solutions to people's problems, and consolation, to the suffering which are always **too good to be true**. For example, escape and forget your problem: take a cruise, take a vacation, purchase some new clothes, have a good meal, eat some candy and ice cream, have a pleasant sexual experience, be entertained, etc. This easy approach to life will not relieve us of our problems and troubles. It will only frustrate us, and confuse us, making our lives more troubled and depressing.

Jesus said, “... *for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it*”. (Matthew 7:13)

On the other hand, **people with strong faith can understand and accept that what God promises and fulfills in Jesus Christ is not too good to be true.**

For example, people with faith, even in this life, begin to experience the perfect truth of God, which people who have no faith in God can never accept.

What seems impossible and foolish to people without faith; and experienced and delighted in, to some extent, by people with faith is:

“*For the gate is narrow, and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.*” (Matthew 7:14)

“*Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*” (Matthew 6:31-33)

We, as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, live our lives in this world managing and using all things and situations(taking up the cross daily) to show our love and trust, in the promises of God. Because of this, we live with an undefeatable hope and enjoy a peace the world cannot give; **the peace that only God can give** to those who follow Jesus Christ with complete trust and love. We know, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that Jesus Christ is leading us into that perfect life which ends in heavenly peace and joy. We enjoy, even in this life, an intimate family relationship with God as Our Father, God as Our Brother in Jesus Christ; and have God's Spirit to guide us, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of perfect truth(no deception ever, and a correct understanding of the value of all things, created and uncreated).

