

# GOD CHASER

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**It Won't Be Easy**

# Philippians 2:12-15 (KJV)

<sup>12</sup> “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

<sup>13</sup> For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.



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<sup>14</sup> Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

<sup>15</sup> That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;”



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1. Following God requires you to maintain your commitment to Him, when no one else is looking
  - a. Your accountability partner is not your babysitter



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## 2. Fear is a key component in maintaining your salvation

- a. We live in a scary society where people are no longer afraid of hell



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3. Following God is a privilege, not a requirement. Stop complaining!

a. "Have To vs. "Get To



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# Mark 10:17-23 (KJV)

<sup>17</sup> And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.



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<sup>19</sup> Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

<sup>20</sup> And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.



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<sup>22</sup> And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!



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4. In order to follow God you must be willing to carry your cross
5. You can't follow a generous God and remain stingy

