

## The Way of the Transgressor

We have been told by the world how great their life is. National television, commercials, and movies all allude to the glory of the lives of the transgressors. The money, the flashy lifestyle, the “sex” and power all are promoted as the way to go and how beautiful their life is. However, there is an untold side to the story. Many of us see what they have, and their lives and we think how great they are, but what does the Word teach?

1. Proverbs 13:15 *Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.*
  - a) I can talk all day about the first part of this passage, but I want to focus on the second part. The way of the transgressor is HARD! The way of the sinner is hard. The Christian life is way easier. If you want an easy or easier life, become a Christian, not a sinner. Jesus said His yoke is easy and His burden is light.
    - i) Matthew 11:28-30 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*
    - ii) While the world continues to convince many believers that they are missing out on life and how hard it is to be a Christian. They say a Christian life is boring and miserable. It is not fun. Nothing can be further from the truth. Christians have supernatural assistance to live the Christian life.
2. Hebrews 11:25 *Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*
  - a) Yes, sin or transgression has pleasures, but they are temporary. They are for a season and yield bad fruit as a result.
  - b) As believers, we have a better place to find pleasure. There is pleasure on this side of the believer contrary to what many say especially those of the world.
3. Psalm 16:11 *Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

- a) Path of life and the direction are revealed in the presence of God.
  - i) Jesus = path of life.
  - ii) No Jesus = No path of life, but path of death.
  - iii) Some paths are paths of death—not life.
  - iv) Jesus = the way (Path, the truth, & the life).
- b) In His presence is superfluity of Joy. His Joy is our strength—If we lack strength, we need to get in His presence—there you find joy, there you find strength.
- c) In His presence is also pleasure-not temporary but continuous pleasure-evermore. Notice: Not sadness but Joy and pleasure. If we are sad, we need to enter His presence.
- d) God's presence is not boring, it's pleasurable.

Conclusion:

The truth is the Christian life is an easier life than that of the world. Yes, it has challenges, but the challenge in the Christian walk is way lighter and easier. It is better to be experiencing these challenges as a believer than as an unbeliever because, for the sinner, unbeliever, or transgressor, the weight would be thrice heavier and more crushing.

Thinking of quitting and going the world's way will triple your heartache and headache.

I have been through some difficult and faith-crushing times yet I'm thankful that they found me on the side of a believer, not a transgressor.

For those who do not know the Lord, a relationship with Him will lighten your burden. Jesus is your answer.