

Let Him Have His Way with Thee

Does God have His way in your life? Does He *REALLY* have His way with you? Before you answer, consider several signs that we might not be allowing Him to rule in our lives (cf. Luke 17:20-21; Matt. 28:18).

When we never risk anything for His sake – “He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matt. 10:39). Christians are not to be reckless nor are they poor stewards, but we do realize that this world is not our home, and that our lives need to reflect that truth more (1 Pet. 2:11-12).

When His word is not regularly heard in our day – “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). If we’re trying to live by bread alone, we’re not really living (Job 23:12).

When a spirit of complaint is evident – “Do all things without complaining and disputing” (Phil. 2:14). The Israelites were destroyed in the wilderness because they complained and murmured against God. Let us learn from them, give up complaining and let Him have His way with us.

When service is a chore rather than a joy – “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). Nobody wants to be served by someone who makes it obvious that service is mere duty. God has His way with us when we can serve while saying, “My pleasure.”

When we’re constantly “pushing the envelope” with sin – “Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good” (Rom. 12:9). A person who continually tries to get as close as he can to sin without, “crossing the line” is playing a dangerous and ungodly game.

When a constant gloom hangs over our disposition – “The fruit of the Spirit... is joy...” (Gal. 5:22-23). There are times for weeping and sorrow in the Christian life (John 11:35; 1 Thess. 4:13), but if God has His way in our lives, we will still seek out the joy that only comes from Him (Ps. 37:4; Phil. 4:4).

When our thoughts are dominated by “things” – “Do not love the world or the things in the world” (1 John 2:15). God does not have His way in our hearts when our thoughts are constantly focused on getting “more” and “better” things. A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses (Luke 12:15).

When prayer is routine, mundane, or totally absent – “When you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do...” (Matt. 6:7). God wants Christians to pray and to seek His face on a daily basis (1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 11:1; cf. Matt. 6:11). He is not having His way in our lives when we never really communicate with Him.

When we’re doing what we know is wrong, but somehow we excuse it – “This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, and says, ‘I have done no wickedness’” (Prov. 30:20). Sin rides with rationalizations, but if we would let God have His way in our hearts, His word must be allowed to rule no matter what.

When following Jesus ceases to be our ambition – “Follow Me” (Mark 1:17). Every Christian must decide daily whether to follow Him (Luke 9:23). When our ambitions are otherwise, God is not ruling in our lives.

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