

## **Must Everything Be Fun?**

One of the symptoms of our hedonistic society is that people seek to avoid anything that is not "fun." Persecution is no fun, so people avoid standing for any principles of truth that might result in it. Hardship is no fun, so people avoid pursuing any cause that might cause them to suffer hardship for the greater good -- in fact, to the hedonist, fun is the greater good.

There is no fun in struggle and toil, so any pursuit, no matter how beneficial its object, that requires either is to be avoided. To the hedonist, doing something solely out a sense of duty or just because it is the right thing to do is foolishness. It must be either intrinsically fun or can somehow be made to be fun.

As a result, even with some professed Christians, fun becomes what life is all about. Commitment means nothing. Fun means everything. If one perceives that his/her marriage is no longer fun then by all means get out of it. If a job is not fun, no matter how well it makes it possible for one to care for his own (1 Timothy 5:8), then quit it even if it means he has to look to charity to provide what it is his duty to provide.

Instant gratification is part of the hedonistic package. Accepting temporary toil and hardship, in anticipation of the future joy of having accomplished one's goal, is out of step with hedonism. He must experience the joy now. He finds little or no pleasure in anticipation of future reward.

Education must be made fun. Serious study and hard work must be eliminated. Worship must be made fun, rather than a time for sober reflection about spiritual things,. But, such serious reflection is no fun. So, if a large portion of the worship service, the singing and the sermon, is not fun, then some serious adjustments must be made or some members will start agitating for someone who will make it so. Or, they will start looking around for some place to attend where it is fun. Or, they may just use it as an excuse to stay home or go to for Sunday joy ride.

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