

## Asking For A Friend Part 1: Can you still have fun?

*"Then I saw heaven opened, and a **white horse** was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war."*

*Revelation 19:11 NLT*

*"Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock')."*

*Matthew 16:18 NLT*

*"James and John (the sons of Zebedee, Jesus nicknamed them "Sons of Thunder" )."*

*Mark 3:17 NLT*

*"And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."*

*Luke 14:27 NIV*

*"While we were in conference we were infiltrated by spies **pretending to be Christians**, who slipped in to find out just how free true Christians are. Their ulterior motive was to reduce us to their brand of servitude. We didn't give them the time of day. We were determined to preserve the truth of the Message for you."*

*Galatians 2:4-5 MSG*

*"The pleasures of sin for a season."*

*Hebrews 11:27 KJV*

### **My friend says...**

*"I just want to have fun."*

*"Why are you so serious?"*

*"It's only \_\_\_\_\_!"*

### **You say...**

*"How far is too far?"*

*"I'll do it just this one time."*

*"God will forgive me, right?"*

*"It is for **freedom** that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of **slavery**."*

*Galatians 5:1 NIV*

## Tell Your Friend

*"It was **by faith** that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command. **It was by faith** that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward."*

*Hebrews 11:23-26 NLT*

### 1. You have an unusual calling.

*"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.""*

*Acts 13:2 NIV*

### 2. Refuse the World's definitions.

*"Do not love this world nor the things it **offers** you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world **offers** only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world."*

*1 John 2:15-16 NLT*

### 3. Choose God's people.

*"He chose... **God's people** instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin."*

*Hebrews 11:24 NLT*

*"Show me your friends and I'll show you your future."*

### 4. Look ahead to the reward.

*"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it **produces a harvest** of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."*

*Hebrews 12:11 NIV*