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Christ And Our Practical Problems

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Christ’s promise, what every human being craves: Happiness.

Problems mar happiness. His plan: To remove problems.

There are three ways to settle problems today:

1. Settle it according to how I feel about the matter.
2. Settle it according to what others think about it.
3. Settle it according to Christ’s divine teachings.

CHRIST’S ANSWER TO SOME OF OUR SOCIAL PROBLEMS. John 14:6a.

A. Shinto mother disowned her daughter: a threat.
   1. Daughter obeyed gospel. Mother accepted it.

   1. Wife obeyed. Husband accepted it. Later obeyed too.

C. Parents teach children to dance, permit it at school?
   1. Father taught child tap dancing. Threw the fact into his face when started honkey-tonking. You blame.

D. Same father kept beer in ice box. Harmless habit.
   1. Daughter: “Take beer out of ice box, I’ll quit dance

CHRIST’S ANSWER TO SOME OF OUR COMMERCIAL PROBLEMS. J. 14:6b.

A. “My boss asks me to lie to our customers.” What do?
   1. Christ’s answer: Revelation 21:8. No one will be lost for losing job for righteousness sake. This reality!

B. “Our group at the office has an annual lottery and I have to participate.” Mean, “afraid not to!”
   Would Jesus buy a ticket? Then, should you?

C. “We have drinking at our firm socials and I feel I must go, though I don’t drink.” Afraid not to?
   1. Christian boy faced this very problem. What Christ do? “He wouldn’t go!” Then you don’t go. Didn’t!

   1. Would Jesus take those things if worked there? No.

CHRIST’S ANSWER TO SOME OF OUR RELIGIOUS PROBLEMS. J.14:6c.

A. “Join” church with wife to make peace. Is this a scriptural reason? “One as good as another!”
   2. Added to it when obey Christ. Only reason! Acts 2:47

B. “I trade out services with my wife to keep her happy.”
   1. Have known numerous cases where mate in error was led to the truth this way. A risk involved.
   2. What would Christ say: “Do not compromise!”
3. Should seek to resolve differences at home with the Bible. II Tim. 2:15.

4. Can examine both at a time when it does not conflict with our duty to God, on Lord's day. Revival meetings.

5. More lost souls won to Christ by un-compromising example of fidelity to Christ than trade-offs.

C. "We can't settle our differences so we'll both just quit!"

1. This all the devil has been waiting for. Rom. 6:16.


**INV:** We take sin too lightly. God despises all sin, any size.

If you are out of Christ, it's because of sin. B*R*C*B.

If you are neglecting Christ, it's also because of sin.

**R-P.**

If recently moved here, need to identify right away, lest drift away into sin. Need church now, Come!