

Life on God's Terms

It seems that so many people go through life like the Frank Sinatra song, "I did it my way!" We go through a Fast Food drive-through and want our burger "my way!" Convenience affects our choices and comfort influences our decisions.

Living life on our terms, for our own goals and purposes is the popular status quo. Even Christians get trapped in this way of thinking. We assume that because of who we are and how important that our desires are to us, that God obviously means to fulfill them; that really the purpose of God is to make me happy. We want God's blessings on our terms!

Living life on God's terms is drastically different. Jesus modeled a much more self-less and God honoring example. Take a look at each of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Does it appear that Jesus was advancing a selfish, pain-free life that was saturated with material blessings? Jesus said, "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." *Luke 22:42*

Jesus instructed you and I and all of His followers to pray this way- "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven." *Matthew 6:10*.

If we line up our way of living according to this prayer, then we can see God's will *must* be done God's way. Faith then becomes an integral part of our living.

I encourage you to pray this verse out loud and begin the challenge of applying the Bible's principles to your life. Living a life on God's terms is risky, but it opens up life for the possibly of blessing and adventure!

"His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." *Matthew 25:23*