

**Series: Wednesday Humorous Christianity**

**Title: Coupon Christianity (Cartoon, Used Car)**

**Text:** (James 5:1-6)

***How to get the best things in life!***

(James 5:1-6) Expound the Text.

Cheating the System, Taking Advantage when you can.

They were scheming to keep from paying Full Price!

**What about Generic Brand Products?**

Aldi Brand, Kirkland, Great Value.

Gold vs Brass (2 Chron 12:9-10)

*This is Satan's Tactic: Bait & Switch.*

***There are NO Generic Equivalents for God's Best!***

(Gal 5:22-26) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

**The Best Things in life cannot be substituted for a generic**

*God's Name Brand - The World's Generic (Knockoff)*

*Love - Sex*

*Joy - Happiness*

*Peace - Financial Security*

*Longsuffering - Impatience: Personal Satisfaction*

*Gentleness - Harshness: Drive for Success*

*Goodness - Buying them Things*

*Faith - Spirituality: w/o Accountability*

*Meekness - Anger: Blaming our Parents*

*Temperance - Comparisons to Others*

**What about Using Coupon's?**

*Illus: We all Love Coupons, because we all love to save \$\$\$  
RetailMeNot, Groupon, Ibotta, Flipp, Popular Coupon Apps.*

**How Coupons Work:** Companies, in hopes of building brand loyalty, will use coupons or rebates to temporarily cheapen their products to be competitive with generic brands.

The Problem is, coupons expire, the world writes in such tiny print, we don't see the expiration dates until we get to the counter with our purchases.

The Companies know, if they can get you in their store, your lust of your flesh will do the rest.

**The Problem is We try to live ur lives like a coupon clipper!**  
The Best Things in life are not cheap.

Name Brands are more expensive sometimes.

But, It's a matter of letting our Values set our Priorities.

*Just as Coupons Cheapen the name brand items to make it affordable to our budget.*

***Coupon Christianity is us trying to Cheapen God's Best in Life to make it affordable to our flesh!***

*We let our priority of Selfishness determine what we value.*

*CC: Live with a comfortable level of Sin & Selfishness*

***It's not that God's Best are not Accessible/Available/Attainable, it requires us sacrificing to have.***

*(Gal 5:24-25) And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

***We have to decide the sacrifice is worth it.***

Sacrifice of our Pride, Selfishness, Personal Pleasure at someone else's expense.

## **Coupon Christianity Cheapens God's Best in Life**

### **Cheapen our Mission:**

Our desire for Self Satisfaction set our Priorities Regarding our Schedule & Life Plan.

### **Cheapen our Master:**

Our Desire to be in Charge set our Priorities of Obedience.

### **Cheapen our Mate:**

Our Desire for Personal Fulfillment set our Priorities of Love.

### **Cheapen our Kids:**

Our desire for Self Esteem sets our Priority of Nurturing & Training our Children.

What is it We Value Most?

How has what you Value, determined your Priorities?

Does your Priorities mirror God's Values?