

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

**What you reject in obedience, God will replace with something better in His timing.**

**Charge**

Do not be moved by what is shown to you.  
Do not be bought by what is offered to you.  
Do not be shaken from what is written to you.

**Final Declaration**

I will not take the enemy’s shortcut.  
I will not bow for temporary glory.  
I will not trade worship for reward.  
I will trust God’s process, honor God’s way, and walk in God’s truth.  
Memory Verse: Proverbs 14:12 “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.””



**THE BAIT OF SHORTCUTS**

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Matthew 4:8–10 “Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.”’

**Anything obtained outside God’s way will eventually cost more than it promised.**

**THREE IMPORTANT INSIGHTS ON SHORTCUTS**

**1. SHORTCUTS BEGIN WITH WHAT THE ENEMY SHOWS YOU.**

Matthew 4:8 “Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.”

**Temptation often begins in the realm of sight. What the enemy shows you can stir desire, impatience, and fleshly ambition.**

Please turn over

Genesis 3:6 “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate.”

**Before the hand reached, the eye lingered.**

Proverbs 14:12 “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

1 John 2:16 “For all that is in the world the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world.”

Hebrews 11:25–26 “Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin... for he looked to the reward.”

**The bait of shortcuts starts when you become captivated by what is shining instead of what is sacred.**

**Be careful what captivates your eyes; not everything glorious is godly.**

## **2. SHORTCUTS DEMAND A PRICE YOU CANNOT AFFORD.**

Matthew 4:9 “And he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.’”

**Every shortcut has a condition.**

**The destination may be legitimate, but the road is twisted.**

Please turn over

Genesis 25:33–34 “Then Jacob said, ‘Swear to me as of this day.’ So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.”

Proverbs 28:20 “At man will abound with blessings, but he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.”

Isaiah 28:16 “He who believes will not act hastily.”

Mark 8:36 “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?”

**Every ungodly shortcut takes more than it gives.**

## **3. SHORTCUTS ARE BROKEN WHEN YOU ANSWER WITH TRUTH.**

Matthew 4:10 “Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.”’

**The antidote to shortcuts is not feelings. It is truth.  
It is not impulse. It is conviction.  
It is not ambition. It is worship.**

Psalm 84:11 “For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”

James 1:4 “But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

Please turn over