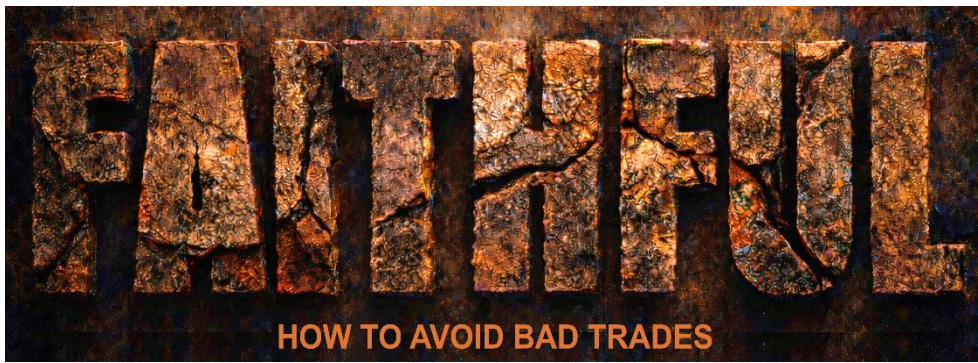




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Let us look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and your hearts give up. **Hebrews 12:2-3 (MEV)**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. **2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV)**

They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. **Romans 1:25 (NLT)**

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. **Hebrews 11:24-26 (NIV)**

Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal. **Hebrews 12:16 (NLT)**

I CAN AVOID BAD TRADES & REMAIN FAITHFUL WHEN:

1. I Pursue _____ Without Compromising My _____.

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. **Hebrews 12:14 (NIV)**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **Matthew 5:9 (NIV)**

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. **Romans 12:18 (NIV)**

Without wood, a fire goes out; without gossip, quarreling stops. ²¹ Charcoal keeps the embers glowing, wood keeps the fire burning, and troublemakers keep arguments alive. **Proverbs 26:20-21 (GNT)**

They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. "Peace, peace," they say, when there is no peace. **Jeremiah 8:11 (NIV)**

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ. **Galatians 1:10 (NIV)**

I won't trade my _____ for _____ or my _____ for _____.

2. I Give _____ Without My _____ Blooming.

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. **Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)**

Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the Lord our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison. **Deuteronomy 29:18 (NIV)**

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. **Hebrews 3:12-13 (NIV)**

I won't trade my _____ for my right to stay _____.

3. I Cherish _____ Without Chasing My _____.

See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. ¹⁷ Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done. **Hebrews 12:16-17 (NIV)**

GENESIS 25:29-34 (NLT)

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹ to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰ because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. **Hebrews 12:18-24 (NIV)**

Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!" ²⁹ "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. **Mark 10:28-30 (NIV)**

I won't trade my _____ for my _____.

4. I Grow My _____ Without Refusing _____.

See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?

²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷ The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our "God is a consuming fire." **Hebrews 12:25 (NIV)**

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" **Luke 17:17-18 (NIV)**

I won't trade the _____ for things that can _____.