

# THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

## Is God Holding Me Back?

I have heard some complain that the word of God is too restrictive. They say it prevents them from going out and having any fun. They stare longingly “over the fence,” thinking the grass looks greener on “the other side.” They proclaim that God is holding them back from living their lives and having any fun. It is their desire to seek after a lifestyle that looks “better,” but leads people into sin. 1 Timothy 6:9 says, *“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.”*

God is not holding you back in the sense that He does not want you to have any fun.

1 Timothy 6:9 tells us, however, that God is trying to hold us back from falling into destruction! In the same manner that a parent would grab his child in order to prevent him from running into oncoming traffic, so also God is trying to prevent us from running into sin. Both will lead to death, no matter how much we delude ourselves into thinking that it is fun.

Since God is the one with our best interests at heart, what is preventing us from serving Him? What is holding you back from being baptized and becoming a part of His kingdom (Acts 2:38)?

### **Service Times:**

Sunday: 10 am,  
10:45 am & 5 pm  
Wednesday: 7 pm

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