



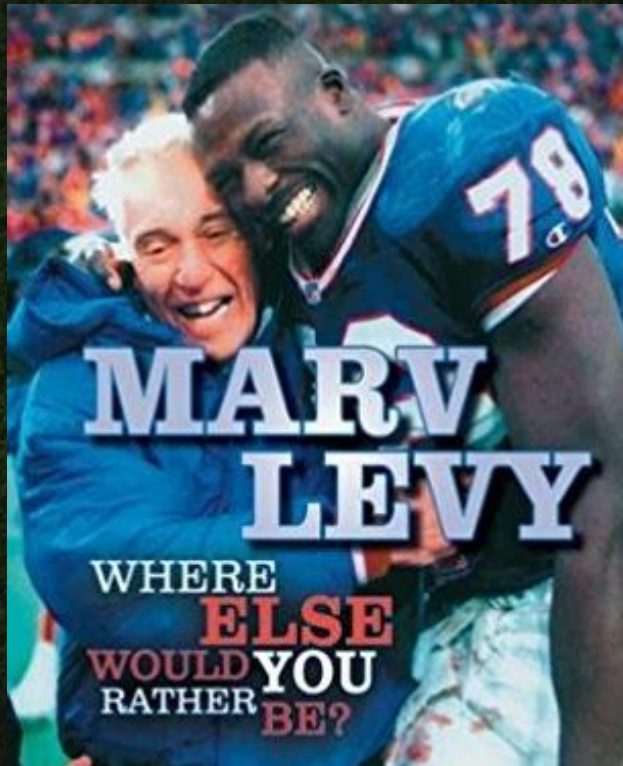
***SIMPLICITY in
CHRISTIANITY***

2 COR. 11:3

**“WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN IS
SIMPLE, BUT IT ISN’T EASY.”**



COACH LEVY'S PHILOSOPHY



“If we can dedicate ourselves so that we are able to run, throw, block, tackle, catch, and kick better than our opponents, we will be winners. That’s really simple, isn’t it? But it isn’t easy. Let’s go to work.”

– Marv Levy, *WHERE ELSE WOULD YOU RATHER BE?*, p. 288.

SIMPLE V. EASY

- **Simple** – Not complicated or elaborate
- **Easy** – Posing no difficulty or great labor
- Various applications:
 - Football, Fitness, Career success, Life...
 - **Spiritual growth**
- What's easy for one person may be hard for the next.
- **The processes are simple, but achieving the desired goal can be challenging.**

SIMPLE, BUT FAILURE

- Adam & Eve (Gen. 3)
- Achan (Josh. 6:18-19; 7:11, 20-22)
- Young prophet (1 Kgs. 13:9-24)
- These individuals received clear & simple instructions, failed to follow them, and suffered severe consequences.

SIMPLE YIELDING SUCCESS

- Abel (Gen. 4:3-4; Heb. 11:4)
- Noah (Gen. 6:14-22; Heb. 11:7)
- Abraham (Gen. 22:2-12; Heb. 11:17-19)
- These individuals received clear & simple instructions and, through faith, overcame any difficulties they encountered.

IS GOD'S PLAN FOR US "SIMPLE"?

- For anyone asking "what shall we do?", God's word is not complicated.
- Acts 2:37-39
- Acts 8:35-38
- Acts 16:30-33
- **2 Cor. 11:3 – God's simple plan becomes complicated only when man dilutes His clear message.**

IS OBEYING GOD “EASY”?

- Mk. 8:34-37 – Deny self & take up cross.
- Lk. 14:26-27, 33 – Leave all to follow Christ.
- Rom. 12:1-2 – A living sacrifice.
- God wants us to set our own wants and desires aside and follow Him. This full devotion will not be “easy” for many.

GOD HELPS TO MAKE IT “EASY”

- 1 Cor. 10:13 – No temptation unbearable.
- Phil. 4:13 – Christ helps.
- Gal. 6:2 – Bear each other’s burdens.
- **Dedicating our lives to God should be “easy” considering the promised eternal reward.**



SIMPLY CHRISTIANS

- God wants us to win a heavenly crown (Jn. 3:16).
- If it were “easy”, the gate would not be narrow (Mt. 7:13).
- We must add to our faith (2 Pet. 1:5-11).
- Our faith must drive us to action, following God first. This leads us to Victory.