



I BELIEVE  
IN GOD, BUT...  
I JUST WANT TO  
HAVE FUN.

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Many people who believe in God have this notion that becoming a Christian means they can't have fun anymore. The thing is, life isn't just about having fun. In Christ, you can find purpose. Relationship. Joy. And in the long run, that's so much more fulfilling than a life full of fleeting pleasure.

### Discussion Questions

1. **Read 1 John 2:15-16.** In this passage, John warns against seeking pleasure, possessions, and pride. Which of these do you tend to struggle with the most? Why?
2. What are a few scenarios that seem fun now but would be harmful to you in the future? What changes can you start to make in your life today that will positively impact you in the future?
3. 1 John talks about "the pride of life," which means wanting other people to notice you, like you, and boost your self-esteem—and often leads to going great lengths to project a "perfect" image in some area of your life. In what areas of life do you struggle with the pride of life? Will that thing matter in 10, 50, or 100 years?
4. In his message, Jason said, "Pursue pleasure and you won't have much purpose. Pursue purpose and you'll get pleasure as well." Give a few examples of when you've seen this to be true on your own life. Which do you honestly pursue more often: pleasure or purpose?

### Challenge

Spend time this week evaluating your own life. Is it fulfilling? Or is it just fun? Do you have the sense of purpose that God gives? What do you need to change? Write out your thoughts and share them with a close friend to help keep you accountable.

### Commit to Memory

This world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever. 1 John 2:17