



**#1 - Doing what comes naturally is not my BEST CHOICE .**

*"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor."* Luke 14:8 NIV

*"When you give a banquet, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors."* Luke 14:12 NIV

**#2 - Even when I become a Christ-follower I still retain a SIN NATURE .**

*"The heart is deceitful above all things, and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"* Jeremiah 17:9 NIV

*"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."* 1 John 1:9 NIV

*"For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing."* Romans 7:18-19 NIV

**#3 - As a Christ-follower I have 3 advantages:**

**Advantage One - God's HOLY SPIRIT .**

*"You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ."* Romans 8:9 NIV

**Advantage Two - God's POWER .**

Jesus: *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you."* Acts 1:8 NIV

**Advantage Three - God's FREEDOM .**

*"Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."* Romans 8:2 NIV

**#4 - To live as a Christian is to intentionally DO THE OPPOSITE of what comes naturally.**

*"But when you are invited, take the lowest place. // But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind."* Luke 14:10, 13 NIV

*"Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness."* 1 Timothy 4:6 NASB