



## “According to the Pattern” (Numbers 8:4)

### The Tabernacle

"And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its **pattern** which you were shown on the mountain." - Exodus 26:30 NKJV (Acts 7:44, Hebrews 8:5 )

### Its Furnishings

" According to all that I show you that is, the **pattern** of the tabernacle and the **pattern** of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it." - Exodus 25:9

### The Lampstand

"And see to it that you make them according to the **pattern** which was shown on the mountain." - Exodus 25:40 (Numbers 8:4)

### Christian Conduct

" Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a **pattern**." - Philippians 3:17

### Mercy From God

" However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a **pattern** to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life." - 1 Timothy 1:16

### Sound Teaching

" Hold fast the **pattern** of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus." - 2 Timothy 1:13

## “Does God Have a Pattern for the Church?”

"...I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." - 1 Timothy 3:15

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# Faithful Sayings

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## Services

Sunday: 9:30 AM  
10:20 AM  
6:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

## Elders:

Pat Ledbetter  
Jeff Nunn  
Kyle Pope

## Deacons:

Dean Bowers  
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Bill Davis  
Steve Dixon  
Pat Goguen  
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## Evangelists:

Kyle Pope  
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## “It’s Just Not Worth It!”

By Kyle Pope

In many different endeavors in life that pose difficulty, demand effort, or require sacrifice, when people decide to stop pursuing their original goal it is not uncommon to hear the words – “*It’s just not worth it!*” Whether it’s a job that doesn’t provide the pay we had hoped, a hobby that becomes too time-consuming, or (sadly) even a relationship that seems to demand too much effort, many a soul has given up declaring – “*It’s just not worth it!*”

In the effort to live obedient to the gospel, sometimes Christians come to the point that they question their faith. Con-



flicts in the church, spiritual setbacks, disappointments, or hardships can weaken our resolution to serve the Lord. Add to this worldly temptations, unwholesome friendships, and unfaithfulness in worship and the child of God may come to the point they say, of the Christian life – *“It’s just not worth it!”*



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What we fail to realize if we allow our relationship with the Lord to decay to the point we speak such words, are all of the multitude of spiritual blessings we sacrifice if we abandon our faith. Blessings so valuable that if each of us would only recognize them we would be forced to declare – *“It’s just not worth it to give them up!”*

➤ **It’s just not worth it to give up a relationship with God!** Of all the relationships that human beings can enjoy there is none so precious and rewarding as our relationship with God. John tells us in 1 John 3:1 – **“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!...”** (NKJV). A Christian seeing things as they ought to would never do anything to jeopardize this relationship.

➤ **It’s just not worth it to miss out on heaven!** Of all of the beautiful, enjoyable, and fulfilling things which we can experience here, none of them can come close to comparing with what awaits the child of God in heaven. Paul said – **“...I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us”** (Romans 8:18). How sad it would be never to see a glimpse of that glory.

➤ **It’s just not worth it to give up an eternity of peace, joy and happiness for the passing pleasure of sin!**

Even the most enticing allurements of the world at the most can offer us only a brief taste of pleasure. As the Hebrew writer observed, the Old Testament leader Moses understood this. He writes in chapter eleven – **“By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin”** (24,25). The one who abides in Christ has in store an eternity of delights that now we cannot even imagine.

➤ **It’s just not worth it to give up a relationship with other Christians!**

Excluding family and friends, most of those we have contact with in the world only care about us so far as our relationship with them is of benefit to them financially, emotionally, socially, or materially. While our brethren are not without short-



comings, in Christ we enjoy a relationship with those who have a common goal, and are trying to look out for our spiritual interests. Paul taught those in the church at Rome – **“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another”** (Romans 12:10). Life is just too short, and too lonely to try to live it alone.

