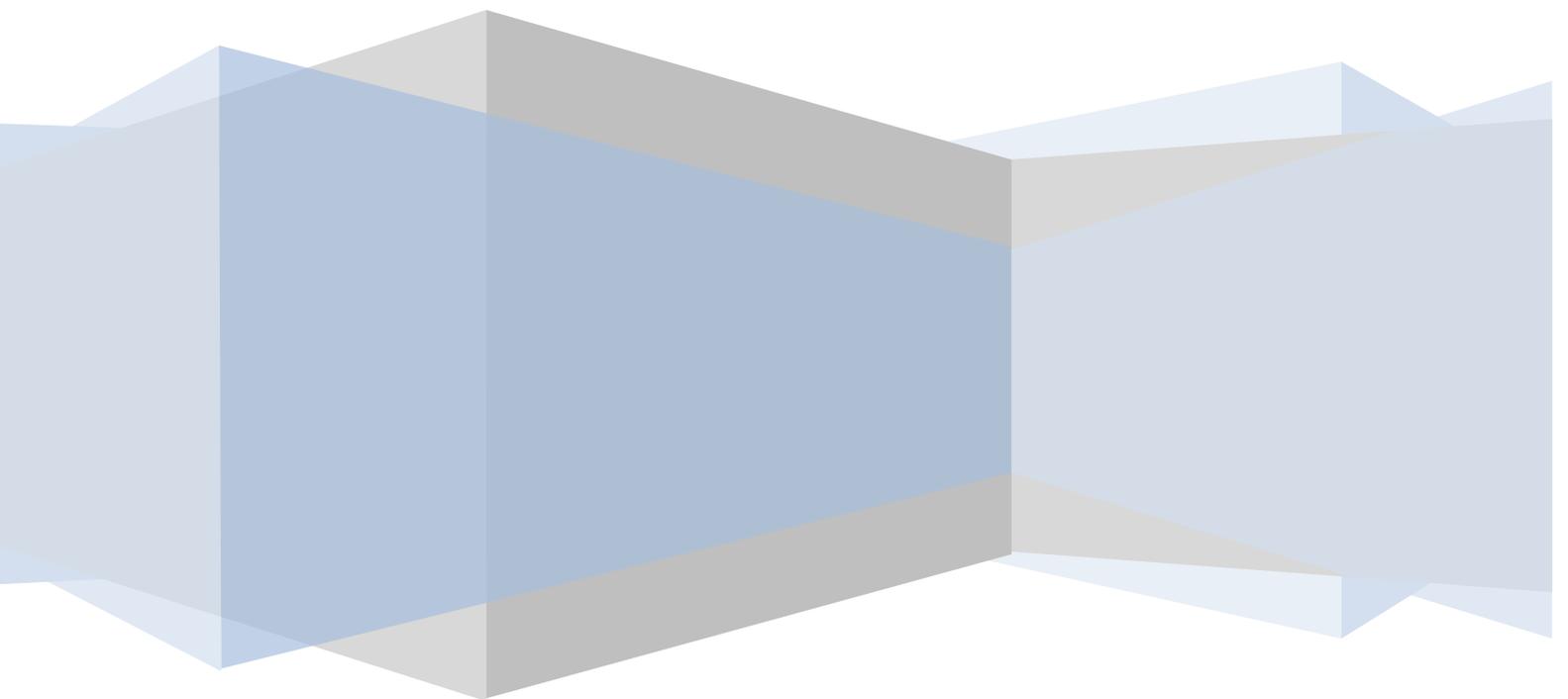


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CHOCOLATE COVERED BROCCOLI

My guess for the number one favorite flavor in this world has got to be **chocolate**. On the other hand, if a poll were taken for the least favorite food, my vote would go for **broccoli**.

My worst childhood food memory is that 'gagging sensation' while trying to swallow one of those little shrubs at suppertime. If it didn't slide down my throat, there was only one other place it could go...right back up! Talk about another meaning for "gradual-backsliding". Ahem. I wonder, would it help to pour rich, thick chocolate syrup on top of it to make broccoli taste great? **Euuueww!**

Are you trying to mix God's chocolate with the world's broccoli ?

So often, religious people put together the terrible combination of God's flavor on top of the world's distasteful pleasures. How? By putting Christian words to a rock beat of music. By using bibles that have "progressively" changed the Words of God within. By males wearing a crucifix in the ear, or tattooed on their body (Read Lev. 19:28). By females who sport around in revealing apparel that outline certain contours of a woman's anatomy that shouldn't be advertised to married men in public. By experiencing teen romance too far with another "good" Christian of the opposite gender. By mimicking an entertainment lifestyle of the Hollywood left. It's kinda like a funeral home who applies cosmetics to the dead. If you've been saved, trying to mix the richest love on earth (God's) with the wrong desires will still make you gag and choke on life. It won't work.

The devil's game is to convince believers to fill righteous passions inside with poor combinations of "soul-food" choices/habits that end up making you sick, and angry at God and yourself.

Consuming fleshly delights, just because the cover has a "Christian" label slapped on it, isn't very smart. Look not on outside packaging ONLY, but allow common sense to guide you deeper, to the end result of indulging. Take a bite of sin, and you'll wish you never did.

However, a meaningful life, a happy home, good health, and prosperity in Christ is available to you, my friend. A steady diet of real, soul-food choices is inside the "menu" of God's Plan for your life. His recipe' doesn't need any extra bells or sprinkles, or worldly ingredients.

Keep your own passions satisfied with a yielded relationship to Christ, and at your local church group, by helping lost people get saved, and lifted up others who hurt. Get busy !!! The taste of life's PURPOSE in God's Will for your life is far superior than one doing their best to swallow chocolate covered broccoli.

Let's stick with the old-fashioned nourishment of **GOD'S** chocolate.....oh yeah, and apple pie!

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