

Try It Out!

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It is Spring and there is a never-ending number of commercials and advertisements to sell golf clubs to golfers. The basic argument is that if you buy their club or clubs, you will be a better golfer. But how do you know? **The best way is to try it out and see for yourself! (EXPERIENTIAL PROOF)** If a company is not willing to prove their product, then why should you buy it?

Did you know that Jesus made the same offer for Christianity? **The best way to know if Christianity is good is try it out and see for yourself!** *“If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.” (John 7:17 NIV).*

Now you must give it your whole heart, or you won’t be practicing true Christianity. So many look for a discounted religion that costs them little or nothing, and then turn away in disgust when it doesn’t work! Christianity, like so many other relationships in life, gives to the degree of dedication you invest. If you put little in, then you will get little out. If you invest much, then you will be rewarded with much. As the apostle Paul wrote: *“...He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”(2 Corinthians 9:6).*

My father repeatedly said in his sermons: **“The reason some people don’t get anything out of a sermon is that they don’t bring anything to put it in!”** In other words, you have to do your own reading, studying, and mental preparation in order to benefit. Some people spend so much time on social media reading posts, doing little quizzes, and posting their own trivia that they have little time or patience for a diligent study of God’s Word. Dear reader, I hope you’re not like that. God said that people like that are *“feeding on ashes” (Isaiah 44:20)* - that which benefits them **nothing!** (It reminds me of a diet food I once tried: **rice cakes!**)

So when it comes to investigating Christianity, be sure you do your own research. True obedience to God has promise for this life and for the one to come, **1 Timothy 4:8**. Don’t miss out!

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