

May all our ways be established! (Pr.4:26)

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A mag, an ad... *this looks so cool!*
The salesmen talk all nice and smooth...
The things they offer seem *soooo nice!*
But let us reason... *what's the price?*

A wise man said - *ponder your path*, (Pr.4:26)
„*So do these goods fit with my map?*“
He said... be sure your *ways are sure!*
„*Does it distract me from my Lord?*“

Bling-bling!... „*I really need this thing!*“
Bang-bang!... my hours shot & killed!
Went down the entertainment drain,
Fell victim to a shopping craze.

Some *sell you sin* to fill their pockets,
And many sell just *empty buckets*...
- nice cans for our time and cash.
Make sure the *price & value* match!

Maybe it's *sin in fancy wrapper?* (2Cor.11:3)
Is it a thing that *really matters?*
Perhaps a pointless *waste of time?* (Eph.5:15-16)
Or does it cause your *light to shine?* (Mat.5:16)

For us to land on Kingdom's shores,
Our Master says to *count the cost*...
- *the price you pay* to gain the Life. (Lk.14:27-29)
So keep it real – *don't live the Lie!* (Col.2:18)

The lie that you must *buy & buy*, (Lk.12:15)
And you must always *dress in style*, (1Jn.2:16)
The lie that *foolish thrills* inspire, (Pr.19:2-3)
While you're just *playing with the fire!* (Mat.4:6-7)

That you must travel *half the world*, (Mk.8:36)
And watch the latest *worldly show*, (Isa.52:11)
And that it's fine to walk *half-naked*, (Lev.18:5-6, 1Tim.2:9)
And disregard what's *truly sacred!* (Lk.1:72, 1Cor.3:16-17)

The *sin of coveting* runs wild, (Ex.20:17, Col.3:5)
While *millions just starve* and die.
Some always *crave to get* their fill...
Consume and eat until they're ill! (1Tim.6:9)

Dear bro, let's rise above the crowd, (Mat.7:13)
Reach high for that immortal crown! (Phil.3:13-14)
Dear sis, this world is upside down,
True womanhood is never „out“! (1Pet.3:3-5, Pr.31:10-31)

Let's be the good Samaritans, (Lk.10:30-37)
True kindness – always relevant.
Let's choose to never just walk by
When there's *a Lazarus nearby*. (Lk.16:20-31)

For every coin you spend on *you*, (Ec.5:18)
Share with a friend & weak a few, (Mat.5:42)
For he who waters will be watered, (Pr.11:25, Mat.6:33)
And *love* is seen by *what you do*. (1Jn.3:17-18)

More *blessed to give* than to receive, (Acts 20:35)
Do we live out what we believe? (Jas.2:17-18)
God's *Kingdom* should be *always first*,
May nothing else come even close! (Lk.16:12-13)

Let's *grow in judgement* – life is short... (Jas.4:13-14)
God offers us a *great reward!* (1Cor.2:9)
Let all your ways be wise and sure... (Pr.4:25-27)
Think through what's good to do... *then GO!*