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Chasing Carrots: Choose Your Path

Matthew 6:28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. **29** Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. **30** If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Carrot Path

Money
Stuff
Power
Position
Prestige
Approval
Perfection

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. **15** Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. **16** For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. **17** The world and

its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

A. What keeps us RUNNING?

1. First, let's stop to weigh 1 John 2:1.
 - a. I'm writing so that you won't sin ...
 - b. But if you do, we have an ADVOCATE. (Friend, defender, lawyer.)
2. John warns us about what's driving us:
 - a. Lust of the flesh.
 - b. Lust of the eyes.
 - c. PRIDE of life. (Most people don't pursue happiness; they pursue prestige.)
3. The path of the Christ-follower isn't easy and it isn't straight, but it takes you SOMEWHERE.

The 2000-Year-Old Path