



TRAIL TIP:

A Mirage won't satisfy your thirst.

Most of us have seen an old western movie or a cartoon with the fellow that is out in the dessert dying of thirst when suddenly up ahead he spots water. Off he goes in a run and scoops up handfuls of sand into his mouth before he realizes it was nothing but a "mirage" or an illusion, that is, a trick of the eyes and brain. He is no better off than before this vision and he is thirstier than ever before.

That "mirage" is a lot like the "party life" or the "good life" as some people call it.

There is a belief system in the media and in the educational system and in much of American culture now that says: You deserve to live the "high life". We are told from the cradle and on into the adult years that we deserve "a better life" when in fact there is no perfect life or lifestyle on this planet.

So as a consequence many folks grow up thinking that they "missed out" somehow or got "short-changed" while everyone else had a better chance at life than they did.

God warned us about this kind of thinking. Jesus Himself told us the parable of the Prodigal Son so we could see where this "high life" leads to; it leads to ruin.

In [John 10:10](#) Jesus said that He came to give you life and have it more abundantly.

[Colossians 3:8](#) Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments [elements] of the world, and not after Christ.

Yes, there is a BIG MIRAGE out there. It says here is the Good Life; come here and do this or do that. Run after riches, run after high awards, high political offices, leadership positions, big houses, big cars. Be famous like a rock star. Be looked up to by the masses of people.

God indeed sets Christians in leadership when and where He wants them; riches are not sinful, neither is fame.

But anything at all you put above God's will for you is a MIRAGE and will distract you from the true riches and the water of life.

[John 6:34](#) And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.