

You have to Lose in order to Win!  
Hey, it wasn't me that came up with this truth!  
**Matthew 16:24-26 NASB**

**I. LOSE DOUBTS – FIND FAITH James 1;5-8**

A. Some folks are doubters. [plain and simple]

They doubt God's Word.

They doubt God's Creation.

They even doubt God Himself.

Doubters never win!!

Suspicion and doubt are self-destructive.

B. Faith banishes doubt.

1. Faith is pleasing to God and enables us to lose doubts.

C. Faith brings the victory.

**1 John 5:1-5**

WE WIN BY LOSING OUR DOUBT!!

**II. LOSE DESPAIR – FIND HOPE**

A. Many folks are discouraged, some even to the point of despair.

They have lost hope.

They have no clear vision of the meaning of their lives.

**Psalm 42:5, 6b**

B. We can find true lasting hope in one place and one place only.

True hope is found only in God.

C. How do I go about gaining true hope?

Helping those in need.

Comforting the discouraged and hurting.

Sharing Christ with others.

WE WIN BY LOSING DESPAIR!!

**Psalm 51:12**

D. Hope in God brings the joy of salvation and the assurance of everlasting life.

**III. LOSE DISCORD – FIND LOVE 1 John 4:20 21**

A. Christians often live-in discord.

Unwilling to forgive, they hold resentment and hostility toward others.

B. Devine Love, True Love makes the difference.

When we are fully committed to God,

The Holy Spirit cleanses and fills us with His love.

WE WIN BY LOSING DISCORD!!

C. We can win by losing.

1. Lose the worst! [hatred, misery, strife. ]

**Galatians 5:19-21**

2. Win the best! [love, joy and peace]

**Galatians 5:22, 23**

D. The road to victory is laid out plainly before us.

**Galatians 5:24-26**

Conclusion:

Whether you win or lose is entirely up to you!