

## THE KITE AND ITS STRING

The spring of the year is a wonderful time for flying a kite. One of the special memories of my boyhood days was building a kite, attaching the tail, finding an appropriate string, and then taking it to a meadow in bloom to catch the wind and excitedly watch it soar above me.

Most children, like me, find real joy in a kite experience – even if they are watching someone else doing the flying of it.

But consider this ...



Would you say the string that holds the kite is burdensome? No; it is there to control the kite. The kite will not fly unless it is in partnership with the string. The string and the kite are yoked together. One cannot cut the string and expect the kite to soar right up into the heavens. When the restrictive yoke of the string is cut, the kite may seem to fly freely for a moment, but it will soon crash to the ground.

The string gives the kite direction and purpose by sustaining its position against the wind and using the wind to its advantage. Without the string, the kite would be at the mercy of every passing influence and would doubtless end up being trapped in a tree or falling to the ground. When it is time for the kite to come to earth, the string gently reels it in, safely missing tree limbs and telephone poles.

In like manner, our daily surrender to our Lord and His purposes for our lives is not burdensome, nor does it take away enjoyment in life. Our connection to Him, of course, is through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, occasioned from the time of our conversion experience when we surrendered our hearts to Him. Prayer and Bible study help keep that union strong and active, reflected in what we do for others.

Like the kite string, Christ makes certain the wind is in our favor and we are always in the position to get the most out of life. True and lasting joy comes from knowing Jesus and following Him.

*My yoke is easy, and my burden is light* (Matthew 11:30).

– Beecher Hunter