

Only Two Directions, Destinations, and Decisions

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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The Offer of Life or Death (Dt. 30:15-16)

We make decisions every day whether they are good or bad, major or minor. The choices we make sometimes determine the direction of our day; but many of our decisions can affect us for the rest of our lives, and that is why decisions are vital. The decisions we face every day can bring us blessings and life or cursing and death; but, we have the power to choose. Hence, though we have free will, we must make decisions based on God's Word (Ps. 119:105).

Most Important Choices to Make In Our Lives: Only Two Directions, Destinations, and Decisions

1. Two masters

- There are two masters, God and Mammon; and, we cannot serve them both (Mt. 6:24).
- Mammon is material things, the temporary treasures that the world can offer us.
- The Holy Spirit cannot stay in us as its temple when there is another master inside us called 'self.'
- If we are serving God, we do not need to worry (Mt. 6:25). He is almighty and all-knowing; and He promises to provide us our needs.

2. Two Roads (Mt. 7:13-14)

- There are two roads: Wide and Narrow.
- The wide road is filled with lots of attractions that tempt many people to walk through it, but it will not lead anyone to Heaven.
- The narrow road has fewer people who walk through it because it is long. It even gets narrower as one goes farther, but it is the path that leads to life.
- In our walk of life as Christians, we must walk straight.

3. Two Foundations (Mt. 7:24-27; Jas. 1:22-25)

- There are two foundations: Sand and Rock.
- People, whose foundation is sand, put all that they learn from God to waste, for they only obey Him whenever they want to. They are selfish.
- People, whose foundation is rock, put what they learn from God into actions. They obey His

commands; hear His Word and believe. They are wise.

- The people who build their houses (faith) on rock (firm foundation) are stable.

4. Two Powers of the Tongue: Death and Life

- The tongue has the power of life and death. Our tongues can build others up or tear them down (Prov. 18:21).
- According to our faith, it will be done for us (Mt. 9: 29; Mk. 11:22-23).
- What we say is important. Instead of speaking negatively of things, praise God every day and be grateful.

5. What to Believe: Negative Reports or God's Promise

- Despite seeing God's Promised Land, the spies chose to give a negative report to the Israelites for they feared its inhabitants: giants. Whereas, Caleb gave a positive report, encouraging the Israelites to believe in God's promise (Num. 13). Most of the Israelites still believed in the negative report.
- We should not believe in negative reports. Instead, we should believe in God's Word, for He is with us and will never forsake us.

6. Spirit and the Flesh

- Let us be conscious whenever we choose between the spirit and the flesh. We have to watch and pray to avoid temptation (Mt. 26:41).

7. To Serve or Not To Serve

- Joshua has a made-up mind that no matter what happens, he will serve the Lord by His grace (Josh. 24:14-15).
- Let nothing cause us to turn our back on God. We must have a made-up mind that no matter what the circumstance may be, we will still serve Him.

These choices that we have to confront someday, will determine how we will live life, how we will die, and where we will spend eternity.

Reflection: Have you made up your mind? If you have, then healing will come. If you are determined to believe faithfully, you should not give up. And no matter what happens, you have to keep pressing on.

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