

NO NEUTRALITY

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Today, we want to examine why the child of God cannot remain "**neutral**."

Cannot serve God and mammon. "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." {Matthew 6:24}

Men must choose between their love for things and their love for God. He will not accept second place, behind wealth or possessions. We can have this world's goods, but not at the expense of our loyalty and allegiance to God. God must occupy first place {Matthew 6:25-34}.

Cannot partake of Christ and devils. "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons." {1 Corinthians 10:21}

In Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth, he spoke to some of the Gentile converts who were trying to hold on to their pagan practices and serve the Lord. One must decide whether or not he is going to actively serve the Lord or become a servant of Satan. We cannot form an allegiance with demons and still serve God. God's servants must determine to be faithful to Him. This involves breaking any ties that require service to the world - Satan's domain.

Cannot live for self and be His disciple. "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple." {Luke 14:26}

God's children cannot love anyone more than they love God. He has first place or no place. Yes, we are commanded to love our parents, spouses, and children- but not more than God. One who loves himself or others more than he loves Christ cannot be His disciple. Clearly, we can see that God's child must make a determined commitment of allegiance to Christ.

Christianity has never been about being "neutral" or seeking to keep God and men happy at the same time. One cannot seek to walk the spiritual "tightrope" and hope to hold on to God and the world at the same time. One must take his stand with Christ! Dear friend, where do you stand?
