

EVERYONE MUST CHOOSE—ONE WAY OR ANOTHER (2)

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Every coin has two sides. Now let us examine what we need to look for if we are seeking to make a **BETTER** choice.

Two Guides. One can choose man's opinions or, by faith, trust God's truth. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." {Isaiah 55:8,9} Sometimes, men's ways seem to be the right ways {Proverbs 14:12}. If we allow God to guide us, we follow a tested and proven way. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." {Hebrews 11:6} God always leads us down paths that will bring good into our lives. He never directs us to follow hurtful paths. Human guides are forever changing according to human whims and thinking. They want to please the majority and are unconcerned about whether or not they please God. One guide cares about you – the other does not. **CHOOSE.**

Two Authorities. Men's creeds or the Bible alone. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables." {2 Timothy 4:3,4} Men's creeds seek to please those who sit in the pews. They accomplish this by giving them what they demand instead of what they need. They consider their wisdom as being superior to God's. In essence each person is their own authority to do what they determine in their lives. The Bible is inspired. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." {2 Timothy 3:16,17} Following any other course is following a perversion of the truth {Galatians 1:6-9}. One allows us to delude ourselves into believing we are following God's instructions. If we accept the Bible as our authority, we CAN KNOW we are following God's will. How? I can put my finger on the verse. **CHOOSE.**

Two Places to Die. Lost in sin or saved in Christ. "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." {John 8:24} One can die in sin, without receiving redemption and forgiveness. But there is another choice, "Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." {Revelation 14:13} When one dies in Christ, it offers real hope to those he leaves behind. When we know we've been forgiven and have been saved by Christ's blood, we can face death without fear {Ephesians 1:7}. One who dies lost has wasted his opportunities to avoid dying in that condition. Sadly, he'll have eternity to regret his decision. **CHOOSE.**

Take a hard look at all of these choices. Each of us must be sure to give sober and prayerful consideration to the choices laid before him. No one else can choose for you. Nor can God and

Satan make you choose one over the other. Life is full of important choices to be made. Life choices must be made every day one walks down the pathway of their lives. Yet, remember that all choices come with some type of consequences – all of them! Satan is very good at what he does and the world is helping him make the choices seem more attractive to men. God tells men the truth about what lies ahead. CHOOSE carefully dear reader! ***