

“Two” Choices in Life

Too many choices can sometimes confuse us. We, or perhaps “I,” do better when choices are limited, and become much easier when there’s only two. Presto! There are really only **two choices in life regarding things that matter...**

Everything else stems from which we chose:

- **Two Masters: Christ or Satan- Matt.6:24-33;** We get to choose a *Captain* (and by it a *team*), but “sitting out” is not an option. If Christ is chosen, *self* is sacrificed to *service*; but if Satan is selected, *self* is spoiled through indulgence, Matt.16:24-26. This is why “Follow Your Heart” and “Do What is Right for You” is toxic candy for the soul, cf. Jer.10:23; Eph.5:10;
- **Two Paths-** each with their own *Gate* and *Way: Narrow or Small/Strait or Wide/Broad, Matt.7:13-14; While the minority is not right simply because it’s the minority (nor the majority wrong because it’s the majority) - “flat-earthers” are still wrong despite being in the overwhelming minority, the truth of Jesus’ words remains just so. Consider the “majority” of the world’s views on Evolution vs. Special Creation, Abortion vs. Life; Binary vs. Non-Binary Gender; Sexual “Freedom” vs. Sexual “Immorality”; etc. Given the choice of *self-sacrifice* for *long-term salvation* or *self-indulgence* for *short-term pleasure* (cf. Heb.11:24-26), “few” will take the “*narrow/strait*” path, while “many” will opt for the “*broad/wide*” one. The former humbly but bravely seeks and bears the *fruit* of the *Spirit*, while the other selfishly indulges the *works* of the *Flesh*, Gal.5:16-25.*
- **Two Options regarding Illumination:** Do you prefer *Light* or *Darkness, Matt.6:22-23? It used to amaze me that when Mom/Dad wanted to show me (or for me to see & help them with) something, they’d start turning on all these lights in the room- I think the temp actually went up and you could have gotten a tan in there! But as I’ve gotten older, I find myself taking things to the window or glass door when I really want to look at it closely... “light” has gotten more important to my ability to “see.” The point isn’t that “young” eyes need less “light,” but that “light” is critical to “seeing” and *following* the path for the young/old or those with healthy/deteriorating vision. Now think about this: do you prefer *the light* or *the darkness* spiritually speaking? Eph.5:1-21 explains why each chooses what they do. We either come to the *light*, or seek the *darkness*.*
- **Two Banks/Repositories: Heaven or Earth, Matt.6:19-21**. Consider how much and how often we are encouraged to live in for the “here and now” and “to the fullest;” that we “deserve” all the best that life has to offer; and that you can have “today” with this or that credit card! Notice first v.21. Why is it stated this way? Why isn’t it “Where your heart is, there will be your treasure also”? I think the answer is that our hearts may and often do deceive us (Jas.1:26), but if we really think about it honestly, we all know where our *treasure* (what we really *value*) is. We not only “get to” but we “have to” choose what we *value*- in *what* and *where* we put our “*treasure*” (what we *value* above all else).
- **Two Destinies: Heaven or Hell, Matt.25:31-46**. We’re often told that we get to “choose your own destiny.” Those saying such things are usually speaking of

earthly life, and such is only partially true. I might want to be a famous singer/song-writer, but genetics, opportunities, and others may dictate otherwise despite my desires and choices. But “choosing your own destiny” IS true regarding eternity! Each of us absolutely chooses where we spend eternity. God has given us that choice, and no one (including Satan!) has the power to deny our destiny... if we choose it, Rom.8:28-39.

The question that remains is not, “What *will* you choose?”... it is, “What *are* you choosing?”... right now, today? Tomorrow is not promised. “Today” is the day of salvation, cf. Heb.3:15.

The “choice” is simple: *Jesus Christ*- the giver and provider of *life, light, and heaven*; or *Satan*- the *deceiver* who promises “the world” but provides only *darkness, death, and eternal destruction in hell*. It really is that simple. Which do you choose?