

Keeping It Simple

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When we boil things down to the smallest common denominator, it helps us in our decision making, and in setting our priorities. Jesus was the Master at simplifying life.

“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad” (Matthew 12:30). There are only two sides in life: (1) God’s; (2) Satan’s. Whose side are you on? What do your actions say?

“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). Who is your master? What do your actions say?

“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND’” (Matthew 22:37). Do you love God with all your heart? What do your actions say?

“If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself” (John 7:17 NAS95). Are you willing to examine Jesus’ doctrine by experimentation? Do you reject Jesus’ doctrine without giving it a fair chance? What do your actions say?

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things” (Matthew 12:35). Are you a good person or a bad person? What do your actions say?

“For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother” (Matthew 12:50). Jesus’ family consists of those who do God’s will. Are you in the family of Jesus? What do your actions say?

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32-33). Do you confess Jesus before men to be the Son of God? What do your actions say?

You see, figuring out what is right, and what you should do is easier than you think!

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