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“When you come to a fork in the road . . . take it.” -- Yogi Berra

Which Way?

Some things in life are *unbelievably* simple. The complications come when we try to manipulate our choices. For example, Jesus tells us that there are only two ways in life: (1) for Jesus; (2) against Jesus (Matt. 12:30). Life doesn't get any simpler than that, now does it? But man doesn't believe that. He thinks there is a third way in life: **neutral**. Now things begin to get *complicated*. Man has made it so by his **unbelief**. So notice the next step.

Once we have proven by the Bible that there is only two ways in life, and not a third, the rebellious heart will disagree with that conclusion, and argue contrariwise. *“They devise iniquities: ‘We have perfected a shrewd scheme.’ Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep”* (Ps. 64:6). Things are getting more *complicated*. Man has made it so by his **wicked actions**.

Still, man thinks he can outsmart God. So he believes that he can do *evil* and have *good* result (Rom. 3:8). But God reminds us of His sovereign will in the universe: *“like begets like,”* everything produces after its own kind, both *physically* and *spiritually* (Gen. 1:11-12, 21, 24-25 and Gal. 6:7-8). *“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”*

Again, man refuses to believe this simple truth in life and sets out to prove that one can “do his own thing” (**evil**) and life will be **good**. *“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”* (Is. 5:20). We see numerous examples of this today: (1) **Homosexuality** is called “good” because it is an alternate lifestyle, and “people are born that way” (no proof offered). But those who say homosexuality is a sin, and a perverted lifestyle are “homophobic” and “mean-spirited” (evil). (2) **Abortion** is “woman's choice over her own body” (good), and *not* “murder” (evil). (3) **Divorce** for any cause is “good” and not “evil.” Hence, we have contrived “no fault divorce.” Now notice how complicated life has gotten, and how difficult it is to see the simple, godly life with which we started out.

The religious world is no better because we have decided that the over 300 human denominations are “good” and not “evil.” Choice is a good thing, right?!

Dear reader, I beg you to step back from your life for just a moment, look at the big picture, and ask yourself if you truly believe what Jesus said in Matthew 12:30. Because *if* Jesus is **the** way, **the** truth, and **the** life (Jn. 14:6), then your **choice** is simple -- choose Jesus! *If* the New Testament is the last will of Jesus purchased with His own blood (Heb. 9:15-16), then your choice is simple -- choose the Gospel! And *if* we cannot do evil that good may come, then your choice is simple -- choose truth!

Life is made up of two roads: (1) the right road; and (2) the wrong road. So long as you stay on the “right road” by making right choices *every time*, then you cannot go wrong. The longer you stay on the “wrong road” by making **wrong choices**, the farther away from God, truth, and eternal life you will be.

Now I know that we are not **perfect**. Even with the best of intentions, we make wrong choices and sin results. God knew this and provided a way of forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ. *“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin”* (1 Jn. 1:7). Remember, that forgiveness requires that we first “walk in the light” and that we then **repent** and **confess** our sins when we do make mistakes (1 Jn. 1:8-9). By doing this, we stay on the right road. Do not be like the wicked and think you can do anything else. Believe and obey God!