

# WHY CHOICES MATTER

The most spiritual activity that we will engage in on any given day is making choices. Our choices will either move us toward God and all of the blessings that are found in Him or will steer us away from God to a life of shame, fear and regret.

Our lives are the sum of our choices. We are writing the story of our lives one choice at a time. That is why the Bible has a lot to say about choices. Joshua called upon the children of Israel to choose whom they would serve (Joshua 24:15). We must also choose daily whom we will serve.

## The Challenge

Jesus said that no one can serve two masters (Matt. 6:24). There is a simple yet profound principle in Jesus' words. If we choose to obey God, then that choice will determine our attitude towards our old master. However, if we choose to obey our old master, then that choice will determine our attitude towards God.

When we come to faith in Christ, we are transferred from the domain of darkness and delivered to the kingdom of God's beloved Son (Col. 1:13). When this happens, we are placed under the authority of a new master: Jesus Christ. If we choose to obey our old master, Satan, then it is because we want to and not because we have to. Too many of us try to benefit from serving or pleasing two masters. Jesus said that this will never work. We must choose to obey and serve God alone.

***Our kids are watching every choice we make. Do your choices match the same choices you want them to make? Your example will make a lasting impact on your children when they become adults.***

**In the last six months, did your choices draw you closer to the Lord or further away?**

FAR

NEAR



Last six months

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Can you name any "old masters" in your life that you serve other than God? (Example: Money, Work, Hobbies)

What are the benefits of choosing to serve God and the dangers of choosing otherwise?

What keeps you from saying "yes" to God and "no" to your old master?

What steps can you take daily to choose to serve God?  
(List 4 action steps)

ONE		TWO
THREE		FOUR