

HIS WAY, MY CHOICE

TEXT: Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-15; II King 12:1-2; II Chr 24:17-27

MEMORY VERSE: John 6:38

For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

AIM: To help children develop biblical values that will help them make good and godly choices on daily basis.

INTRODUCTION.

The characteristic of a good follower is that he takes instruction from his/her leader. A believer is likened to a sheep under the leadership of a shepherd. A good sheep follows by choice and not by force. Life is made up of choices. Choice is what determines outcomes in life. And it is wisdom to make the right choice to do the will of the father. The will of God is divine choice.

John 5:30-31, John 6:38, Psalm 47: 4.

What does it mean to choose the way of God?

Prov 19:21

Choosing the counsel and the truth of God's word over your own options. God does not force His will on you, hence it becomes your choice.

Bible Examples of those who choose not the Way of God.

Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7, 12-15;

1. Adam and Eve.

They ate from the tree God forbid them from. Adam and Eve made a choice, they chose to disobey God. Mention the name of the tree.

2. Exo. 20:3, II Kings 12:1-2, II Chr 24:17-27.

Josiah did well in Jerusalem before he was influenced by the official to do wrong. Lack of Spiritual leadership also got him into negative actions.

Reason to prefer His way? (Gain)

- (a) It is God's commandment - Deut 11:32
- (b) It brings glory to God
- (c) It is following the footsteps of Jesus our master. Heb 10:7
- (d) It brings to pass the purpose of God for our lives.
- (e) Success, long life and blessing answer to His way. Eph 6:1-2, Job 36:11, Is 1:19, Deut 11:27
- (f) Choosing His way makes Him become enemy to your enemies. Exd 23:22

Why Do Men choose their ways and not God's way?

1. Spiritual Ignorance – When person is not able to understand the things of God. I Cor 2:14-16, Lk 12:48
2. Willful Disobedience- Deliberate choice of one's way instead of God's way. James 4:1, Lk 12:47

Dangers of choosing your way.

1. Guaranteed Foolishness. I Cor 3:19
2. Provokes God's anger and Curse – Gen 3:14-19, II Chr 24:18-23, Deut 11:28
3. Separation from God and His benefits. Josh 1:16-18, Job 36:12

How to continually choose God's way.

1. Put God first – Love God most of all. Develop a relationship with Him (be Jesus' friend), by giving your life to Christ. If someone loves God, you will do what He wants. It is only a saved child that has the power and the grace to obey God.
2. Obey God's Command – Do what is right in the eyes of God. Obedience to God's Word is the secret to receiving God's blessings. Prov 21:2 ;
3. Do what is right and not what you like. Check in the bible if it is right. Prov 16:25
4. Learn the way of God – Seek for God's truth diligently. Know the ways of God by telling Him to show you His will. Take Spiritual counsel. Go to church regularly. Prov 3:5-6. Read your bible regularly. Matt 28:20
5. No tolerance for sin -Exd 20:4-5
6. Avoid distraction and negative influence. Choose good friends. Prov 22:24-25, 27:17
7. Stand for God Always. Dare to be a Daniel. He stood for God. Deut 31:6
8. Trust God for grace. –Phil 4:13
9. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you. John 14:26
10. Pray that His will will be easier for you to do. Matt. 6:6

A boy or a girl who knows God's truth and puts it into practice is wise. Turn away from choices that run against the way of God today. And your path in life will shine brighter.

Reflection:

Think about a time when you chose not to obey God (parents/ teachers). What was the consequence?