Life Options (Deuteronomy 30:15,16)

Tony Mauck · Deuteronomy 30:15–20

INTRODUCTION

- There is no way of seeing the complete end of those choices. It's unpredictable. It's beyond our view.
- But in regard to life and death choices, you are in absolute control.
- Your parents cannot make this choice for you. Your best friend cannot make this choice for you. You must make this choice.

1 Deny Yourself or Affirm Self

- You can either deny yourself or you can affirm self.
- The more self is exalted and pursued, the more self will want and crave and never be satisfied.
- The more a self that is surrendered, the more God like we become, the more our character is enriched, the more we positively affect our legacy in the world.
- Selfless training is the most needed training in our time.
- Affirming self and doing what self wants to do and casting aside the commandments of God for a better way. That is not a better way. That is death.

2 Humble Myself Before God or Be Proud

Luke 14:11; Habakkuk 2:4; Matthew 7:1–5

- I'm going to humble myself before God, or I am going to be proud.
- He who humbles himself shall be exalted, but he who exalts himself shall be humbled.
- God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves. And he will exalt you at the proper time.
- Humble yourself and submit to God, or elevate yourself and do what you will.
- It is simply the person who has too high of an opinion of self that causes him, therefore, not to humble himself.
- The hard part to do, and that's what Matthew 7, 1 through 5 is about, is to be able to look at yourself and say, these are my failings, these are my faults.

3 Repent or Do What Feels Right

Mark 6:12; Acts 3:19

- You can repent or do what feels right.
- Unless you repent, you shall perish.
- They went out and preached in verse 12 that men should repent.
- It requires the acknowledgement of God's standard. It requires then a self-assessment in relation to that standard, and then an admission that I have not measured up.

- And then a commitment to change and conform to his will.
- Repent and be converted that your sins may be washed away, and times of refreshing will come from the presence of the Lord.

THE CHALLENGE

Or will I choose momentary pleasures and empty self-seeking to my ruin? Choose wisely. Choose life.

MY NOTES