

Choose to be Sincere

Series:

Making Choices about Something



The twelve areas of choice

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Deuteronomy 29:29 (KJV)

²⁹The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are revealed belong* unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

JOSHUA 24:14-15, 23-27

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in **sincerity** and in truth.' and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. **15** And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell.' but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. **25** So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. **27** And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

Key Point: people are the product of the decisions they make. The essence of free will is having the choice to seek God's desires or pursue some other path.

TAKE AWAY:

1. Christian authenticity is a treasure.
2. In this message, we will understand its characteristics and outline how we choose it.
3. God's Word encourages us to refuse to settle for half-hearted service or surface success.
4. We must determine to genuinely walk with God, and ask Him to, by His grace, work His likeness into our lives.

Application:

1. **GOD ALWAYS GETS HIS WAY** God's Will of **decree**
2. **GOD POINTS OUT THE WAY** God's will of **desire**
3. **GOD HAS A SPECIFIC PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE** God's will of **direction**

I. The _____ of a Sincere Christian.

II. Four _____ of a Sincere Christian.

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____

III. _____ a Sincere Christian.

