

Right or Left - cont.

New Testament (Galatians 6:1). We are to know this law, obey it, and not deviate from it.

Third, we must learn that we do not determine what is right or wrong. It is not in mankind to direct their own steps (Jeremiah 10:23). Mankind is to travel "as the Lord God has commanded."

Fourth, do we even know if we are going right or left? Many today do what is "right in their own eyes" and they don't even know God's way (Judges 21:25). They don't know their Bible.

Fifth, the Devil seeks to distract and divide our heart and get us to turn to the right or to the left (Matthew 6:22; Luke 11:34).

Sixth, we need to know where we are going - heaven - and stay focused in our pursuit of that goal (Philippians 3:14; Colossians 1:5; 3:1; Hebrews 11:10,16; 12:2; 1 Peter 1:4).

Lastly, it takes strength and courage to go straight and not turn to the right or left. Stay on the straight path of following God's law every day (Joshua 1:7). You can do it!

- Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- When we take the time to count the blessings we do have, we won't have the time to crave the luxuries we don't have.
- When some people are faced with their duties, they look the other way.
- If you do not respect the person you see in the mirror, you will not respect others.
- Give thanks always.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Turn Not to the Right or Left

Life is like travelling a road. On a road, you can either go straight ahead, you can go to the right, you can go to the left, or you can go backward. On the road of life, God has always wanted his people to go straight ahead and follow his truth found in the Bible. God does not want us to deviate from his truth by turning to the right or to the left. The straight ahead way is the way of truth and righteousness. The right or left way is the way of error and wickedness. Consider a few “right-left” scriptures in the Bible:

“Ye shall observe to do therefore as Jehovah your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left” (Deuteronomy 5:32).

“... according to the tenor of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do; thou shalt not turn aside from the sentence which they shall show thee, to the right hand, nor to the left” (Deuteronomy 17:11).

“... that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Isra-

el” (Deuteronomy 17:20).

“... and shalt not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them” (Deuteronomy 28:14).

“Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not



from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest have good success whithersoever thou goest” (Joshua 1:7).

“Therefore be ye very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside there from to the right hand or to the left” (Joshua 23:6).

“And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the

right hand or to the left” (2 Kings 22:2).

“And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left” (2 Chronicles 34:2).

“Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: Remove thy foot from evil” (Proverbs 4:27).

“... and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it; when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left” (Isaiah 30:21).

When you read these “right-left” scriptures, a number of lessons come to mind. First, life is like traveling a road to a particular destination. Jesus said that we are travelling the broad way that leads to destruction - hell; or we are travelling the narrow way that leads to eternal life - heaven (Matthew 7:13-14). There are just two ways.

Second, it is important to understand that there is a fixed standard to live by - the scriptures of God’s word (2 Timothy 3:16-17). God has always given his law to mankind. Today, his law is the law of Christ found in the