

The Danger of Divided Loyalty

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3 John 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Proverbs 20:7 The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them.

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

• We either sacrifice for our children or we sacrifice our children

Luke 2:52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

1 Corinthians 10:14-22 Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak to <u>sensible people</u>; judge for yourselves what I say. 16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? 17 Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf. 18 Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? 19 Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and <u>I do not want you to be</u> <u>participants with demons</u>. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the <u>Lord's table and the table of demons</u>. 22 Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

Deuteronomy 18:9-11 When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.

- A Deeper Walk Freedom Steps: 1)Confess 2)Cancel 3)Command 4)Commit
- We can't be intimate with God AND this world

Deuteronomy 4:23-24 Be careful not to forget the covenant of the Lord your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the Lord your God has forbidden. For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. **24** No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

• Don't just avoid what is evil, seek what is godly

1 Corinthians 10:25-31 Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, 26 for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." 27 If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience.
28 But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience.
29 I am referring to the other person's conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another's conscience? 30 If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for? 31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

• Everything we do, say or think is to give glory to God

1 Corinthians 10:32-33 Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—33 even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

- Our focus should be to see as many people saved as possible.
- Call **321.574.6970** if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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