



Transformed by God: The Buts II


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I. Who Is Your Authority?

Proverbs 9:1-4; 10—16 (NIV) *You must choose wisdom or folly...*

- 1** Wisdom has built her house;
she has set up its seven pillars.
- 2** She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- 3** She has sent out her servants, and she calls
from the highest point of the city,
- 4** “Let all who are simple come to my house!”...
- 10** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- 11** For through wisdom your days will be many,
and years will be added to your life.
- 12** If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;
if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer.
- 13** Folly is an unruly woman;
she is simple and knows nothing.
- 14** She sits at the door of her house,
on a seat at the highest point of the city,
- 15** calling out to those who pass by,
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 Choices have _____ and outcomes.

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 Jesus' vision is _____ : make disciples.

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III. Are You for Hire? Does Jesus Own You?

John 10:11-13 (NIV) *Jesus the good shepherd...* **11** “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. **13** The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

 We have to decide if we are owners or _____.

Revelation 21:8, 7 (NIV) **8** But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.” [*Rewind...7* Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.]

 Who is listed first for the fiery lake?

What do you do?

What do you do when you are tired?

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