



## Introduction:

I. Choose \_\_\_\_\_ over nominalism – John 3:16

### What is a nominal Christian?

John 3:16 - *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

As a follower of Jesus Christ, it is important to have a good foundation based on God's \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 John 4:19 - *We love Him because He first loved us.*

And who hasn't heard of the children's song: **Jesus Love Me**

Each one of us must make a \_\_\_\_\_ (the best choice) to follow Jesus Christ with our entire essence.

Jesus said, *"Follow Me."* (See: Matt. 8:9, 16:24; Mark 8:34, 9:38; John 1:43, 12:26)

Those words are used over \_\_\_\_\_ times in the New Testament. Being used that often ought to tell us how important they are.

Acts 17:16 - *"people who turned the world upside down."*

Today can be the beginning of something greater in your life – **choose the best for your life.** Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.

- John 1:12 - *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:"*

There are three key words in that verse. They are:

## II. Choose \_\_\_\_\_ over Reputation – Proverbs 22:1

*"A good \_\_\_\_\_ is to be chosen rather than great riches"*

You see, what I am asking of you today is to choose the \_\_\_\_\_ – choose a \_\_\_\_\_ name. Your family name matters!

It has been said that \_\_\_\_\_ is what others think of you, and \_\_\_\_\_ is what God thinks of you.

### Reputation Vs. Character

**Will you \_\_\_\_\_ to live differently?** Will you be more concerned with developing your character than your reputation?

## III. Choose \_\_\_\_\_ over Selfishness – Matthew 16:18

Many people today have walked away from the \_\_\_\_\_. Why? Because our culture promotes self-centeredness and \_\_\_\_\_.

There are three institutions created by God (all three had their beginning in the Book of Genesis). They are:

Many people stop attending church, or never attend church because of the following reasons:

- Matthew 16:18 - *“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”*

The \_\_\_\_\_ upon which the Church is built upon is Jesus Christ – He is the foundation stone.

- Hebrews 10:24-25 - *24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**Choose the BEST in life** – Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself in a local Church. \_\_\_\_\_ in that church. \_\_\_\_\_ in that Church. \_\_\_\_\_ to that Church. Reach lost people through that Church.

**Choose the BEST** – Choose the \_\_\_\_\_ ! It is a place of support, encouragement, and spiritual growth

#### **IV. Choose \_\_\_\_\_ over Money – Proverbs 23:5**

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- Proverbs 23:5 - *“Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.”*

Proverbs 27:20 - *“Hell and Destruction are never full; So the eyes of man are never satisfied.”*

## **Will More Money Satisfy?**

**My point is simple** – More money does not \_\_\_\_\_ .

Ephesians 5:28b - *“working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.”*

## **V. Choose \_\_\_\_\_ over Sex – Hebrews 13:4**

*“Marriage is honorable among all, and the \_\_\_\_\_ undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 - *“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.”*

**Conclusion:** So, then, **Life is \_\_\_\_\_ of choices!**