

Made in His Image

The Crown of Creation



Who are we?

Why are we here?

What is our work?

How should we live?

“Then God said, ‘**Let us make man in our image**, after our likeness.’...
So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.”

Genesis 1:26–27

Rationally

We possess the capacity for abstract thought, reason, and moral choice (a conscience).

Creatively

We have the unique ability to imagine and make entirely new things.

Relationally

We are designed to deeply love and form complex bonds with others and with God.

Spiritually

We are distinct from purely biological life. We possess a living spirit meant to know and worship God.

The image of God in man is the capacity to know God and to respond to Him. — A.W. Tozer



You are not a mistake. You are a masterpiece.

Because humanity bears God's image, human life holds sacred value. This stands as the ultimate defense against racism, exploitation, and every form of dehumanization. Every person you meet was knit together by design.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and **fill the earth and subdue it**, and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens...’

Genesis 1:28

The Stewardship Diagram



We are not owners. We are appointed managers to cultivate civilization—art, science, music, and technology.

Psalm 8:5–6 / 1 Cor 4:2

The earth was given to man with this condition, that he should occupy himself in its cultivation. — John Calvin



The Lord God took the man and
put him in the garden of Eden
to work it and keep it.

Genesis 2:15



For we are his workmanship, created
in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand...

Ephesians 2:10

The Philosophy of Work

The Cynical View	The Biblical View
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Work is a curse to be escaped.– Work is frustrating toil.– Value is derived only from the paycheck or status.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Work existed before the Fall; it is a divine Calling.– God is a worker. (<i>My Father is working until now, and I am working. — Jesus</i>)– Work serves society and acts as Worship. (<i>Colossians 3:23</i>)

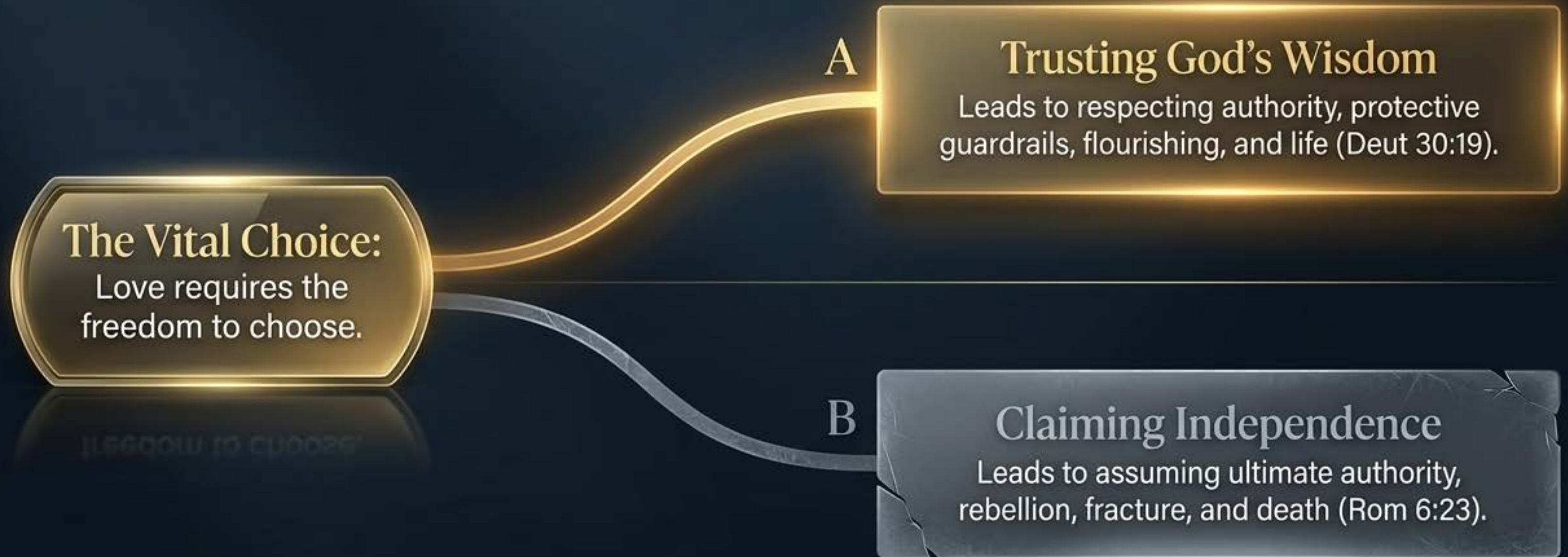
The maid who sweeps her kitchen is doing the will of God just as much as the monk who prays. — Martin Luther

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

Genesis 2:16–17



The Anatomy of Freedom



Sin is not merely doing wrong; it is the act of assuming God's authority to decide what is right. — R.C. Sproul

The background of the image is a close-up of a shattered mirror. The mirror's frame is made of a dark, ornate metal, possibly bronze or blackened steel, with intricate scrollwork. The glass is broken into many sharp, jagged pieces that are still held together by a thin wire or mesh. The reflection in the broken glass is distorted and fragmented, showing a figure that appears to be a king in a crown and armor, but the image is broken and unrecognizable as a whole. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright, golden glow emanating from behind the mirror, creating a halo effect around the central text box.

The Distorted Reflection

Imagine a beautiful mirror hanging in a palace, reflecting the king perfectly. One day, it falls and shatters. The pieces still reflect the king—but the reflection is fractured, distorted, and broken.

This is humanity after the Fall. We still bear the image of God, but our capacity to reason, relate, create, and worship has been fractured by rebellion.

For those whom he foreknew
he also predestined to be
be **conformed to the image** of his Son...
and have put on the new self,
which is being **renewed in knowledge**
after the image of its creator.

Romans 8:29 / Colossians 3:10



Value Restored:

In Christ, the distorted masterpiece is healed. We are redeemed at the ultimate cost.

Vocation Deepened:

We are invited back to our purpose—not just to cultivate the earth, but to advance a heavenly kingdom.

Virtue Renewed:

Our daily work and service are reclaimed as an act of worship.

The Vital Choice Remains.
Will we live as rebels against the design,
or trust the Designer?

The One who made you in His image invites you to be
fully restored in His image through Christ.