

GROWTH

1. Glorify God
2. Love Others
3. Walk by the Spirit

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CHOOSE?

“This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him...”

-Deuteronomy 30:19-20

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CHOOSE?

“For the LORD is your life, and He
will give you many years in the land
He swore to give your fathers,
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”

-Deuteronomy 30:19-20

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CHOOSE?

Choice #1: Faithful Obedience

Choice #2: Unfaithful Disobedience

Choice #3: Outright Rebellion

Luke 19:11-27

**WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO CHOOSE?**

Choice #1: Faithful Obedience

Luke 19:11-19; 24

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CHOOSE?

Occupy:

- *Continually trading / in business with
- *Residing place of a business
- *to hold a position or job
- *Fill one's mind or thoughts
- *Keep busy and active
- *Take control of a place through conquest

**WHAT ARE YOU
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Choice #2: Unfaithful Disobedience

Luke 19:20-23

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Choice #2: Unfaithful Disobedience

If we do not use the gifts God gives us under His direction, why should we even have them? Somebody else can make use of the gifts to the glory of God.

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Choice #2: Unfaithful Disobedience

“Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.”

-Matthew 13:12

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Choice #2: Unfaithful Disobedience

“It is always so, that the gracious and faithful man obtains more grace and more means of usefulness, while the unfaithful man sinks lower and lower and grows worse and worse. We must either make progress or else lose what we have attained. There is no such thing as standing still in religion.”

-Charles Spurgeon

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Choice #2: Unfaithful Disobedience

Ephesians 6:5-8

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Choice #2: Unfaithful Disobedience

**“Nothing twists and deforms the soul
more than a low or unworthy
conception of God.”**

-Dr. A. W. Tozer

**WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO CHOOSE?**

Choice #3: Outright Rebellion

Luke 19:14-27

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CHOOSE?

-The Faithful: obeyed because they trusted their master and wanted to please him.

-The Unfaithful: disobeyed because he feared his master.

-The “Citizens”: rebelled because they hated their king.

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Choice #3: Outright Rebellion

“We are living today in the period between Luke 19:14 & Luke 19:15 when our King is absent but will return like He has promised.”

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CHOOSE?

“We have been given a task to
occupy, and we must be faithful until
He comes!”

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CHOOSE?

“What will the King say to US when He returns?

“Moreover it is required in stewards,
that a man be found faithful”

-1 Corinthians 4:2

PICK UP YOUR CROSS

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and He delights in his way.”

-Psalm 37:23

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Mark 8:31-38

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This means that a person's own identity gets wrapped up in Christ to the point that his or her own reputation becomes inseparable from his or her relationship with Christ.

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What cross(es) are you “dying” on
that its time for you to pick up and
follow Christ instead?

REFLECTION QUESTION

-Am I occupying until Christ returns?
Are there areas of my christian walk
where I have been lackadaisical?
Does my identity seem more like the
world's than Christ's?

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

-Put your gifts: time, talents, and resources to work as you advance God's Kingdom in your homes, neighborhoods, places of work, and community.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

-Be faithful, zealous, and responsible with what God has entrusted to you, rather than being idle, until the master's return.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Stop “ACTING” like the church
and BE the Church!

(It's time to get up and occupy like our
King has commanded us to do.)