

You may be standing at the intersection of two choices or two roads wondering which one to choose. Instead of making an uninformed decision why not take the time to allow God's Word to direct you to the *best* choice.

Many miss out on the plan that God has for them because they often ask the question, "What do I have to *give up* to follow Jesus? What do I have to *abandon* when I accept His plan?" The encouraging new is, when you decide to follow God's Word you discover that it is not what you *give up* but what you *gains* that makes the greatest difference.

We like new things—new cars, new shoes, new clothes, new gadgets, and maybe a new house. New things come with an exhilarating sense of satisfaction. Unfortunately, in most cases the thrill fades with time.

However, the New Life in Christ never fades. It becomes more abundant and more rewarding as the relationship grows. To be transformed and enter this new experience you have to understand the key. All of the changes that are made in our lives are accomplished by the power of the indwelling Christ.

Today you stand at the intersection of two lives, two roads, and two destinations. If eternal joy and everlasting life are on your itinerary then why not choose the road to the right—the *New Life*. As you begin to follow Jesus He will shape your life to reflect and reveal His character.

NEW WAY OF THINKING

Matthew 5:16 - "Let" the light of your good works reveal Jesus to others.

Matthew 5:37 - "Let" your "Yes be Yes" and your "No be no", be an honest person.

Matthew 16:24 - "Let" self-denial lead you to be a faithful follower of Jesus.
 Philippians 1:27 - "Let" your conduct be worthy of the gospel that you profess.
 Philippians 2:3 - "Let" nothing you do be selfish ambition or conceit but humble.
 Philippians 2:4 - "Let" your interest and the interests of others be equally important.

Philippians 2:5 - "Let" God's Word become the focus to reshape your mind.

Philippians 3:15-17 - "Let" us walk by the same rules and be of the same mind.

Philippians 4:5 - "Let" your gentleness be known by all.

Philippians 4:6 - "Let" your prayers and thanksgiving be made known to God.

NEW WAY OF STUDY

2 Timothy 2:15
Acts 17:11
Study to show yourselves approved to God, you won't be ashamed.
Study and search the Bible daily to be sure about what you hear.

John 5:39 - Search the Bible to become familiar with Jesus.

NEW CHOICES IN LIVING

Philippians 4:8 - Make choices that are true, honest, just, pure, love, and lovely

Isaiah 1:16, 17 - Cease from practicing evil and learn to do good.

Psalms 101:3 - Keep yourself from viewing wicked things.

1 John 2:5
- Don't love the things of the world that lead you from Jesus.
- Don't allow the world to mold you into its way of thinking.

2 Corinthians 3:18 - By beholding things we become changed. - Keep your eyes from viewing worthless things.

Isaiah 62:10 - Maintain high standards for living.

NEW CHOICES IN ADORNMENT

Genesis 35:1-4 - Those sanctified to the Lord would avoid wearing Jewelry.

Exodus 32:2-5- The Israelites used Egyptian jewelry to make a golden god of worship. **Exodus 35:22**- Those following the Lord gave up their earrings, rings, and necklace.

Figure 2:13

- God commanded His people to remove their jewelry.

- Nations that did not worship the true God wore Jewelry.

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1 Timothy 2:9
 Revelation 3:18
 Revelation 17:4
 Revelation 12:1
 God's people should dress modestly not with Jewelry or pearls.
 The only gold we should wear is the refined character of Christ.
 Revelation pictures a rebellious church as wearing jewels.
 Revelation pictures a faithful church as adorned in God's glory.

NEW APPROACH TO LOVING OTHERS

Romans 12:17 - Do not repay evil with evil

Romans 12:20 - Do good to your enemy whereby you heap coals on their head.
Matthew 22:38, 39 - Love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself.