

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" *Romans 6:16 KJV*



It is human nature to serve something. Most of us choose to serve *ōselfō* thinking that we have freed ourselves from all mastery. *ōHell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.ō* The essence of serving self is to serve desire or lust which ends in sin and death! Self is a master which cannot ever be satisfied! Man is *ōdrawn away (from God) of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.ō* The unbeliever has no choice. He serves self, the flesh, because there is no other to serve. *ōThe natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.ō* The flesh is never satiated, nor indeed can be, because the things of this world are temporal and transient. Desire always wants more, and by serving self, you have the cruelest taskmaster of all! The flesh is a slave to sin, and by serving self, you have put yourself in the bondage of death, separation from God who is Life. *ōBecause the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.ō* There is constant conflict between the flesh/body and the spirit of a believer. The Spirit of God and the carnal body of man are enemies. The soul of a believer is caught betwixt the two, choosing one or the other. *ōIn my flesh, dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.ō* The point is, for the believer there is a CHOICE. When a man believes on the Lord Jesus, he is set free from the bondage of the flesh and the deathly separation of sin, and given a choice. The Apostle wrote, *ōO wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.ō* God will never FORCE you to choose, but the consequences of your choices are predetermined by divine laws set in eternity before the foundation of the world! He also provides a way of escape. *ōGod is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.ō* If we sin, we have an Advocate, Jesus Christ. *ōIf we confess (admit) our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.ō* It's not confession if you do not stop your sin. You choose. *ōHis servants ye are to whom ye obey.ō* When we sin, we have obeyed self instead of God. Flesh and sin are no longer a believer's master unless obeyed. Obey God and choose Life. Obey lust and choose death. Every person in hell is there by their own choice!

When self demands and we obey,
The chains of sin command our day,
If we, God's Word, choose to obey,
Then freedom's Truth will light our way. ~CGP

I can only obey by faith. Faith is the essence of pleasing and honoring God, because it is God-given. *ōFor by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.ō* Prayer is probably the single most faithful act a believer can perform. I must believe God exists and that He hears me, else why pray? Believers serve God by choice, because they love, fear, and trust Him. *ōWe love Him because He first loved us. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.ō* Everything God says is! We do ourselves favor by serving Him.

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matthew 6:24 KJV