# Would You Rather . . .

**Choose you this day who you will serve!**

***(Jos. 24:15)***

**There are always two choices, two paths to take. One is easy, and that is its only reward. *(Land Title Guarantee Company calendar)***

**Remember that with the same breath that one can say “I am alone,” one can say instead, “I am all-one,” with God’s creation. *(David J. Seibert)***

**In the face of unjust criticism we can become bitter or better; upset or understanding; hostile or humble; furious or forgiving. *(William Arthur Ward)***

**The difference between a saint and a sourpuss is that the sourpuss sees his daily interactions as a nuisance, while the saint finds a continuous stream of opportunities to celebrate. One finds intruders, the other angels. At any given moment we have the power to choose what we will be and what we will see. Each of us has the capacity to find holiness or attack all about us. *(Alan Cohen, in Joy Is My Compass, p. 212)***

**Faced with the choice between changing one’s mind and proving that there is no need to do so, almost everyone gets busy on the proof. *(John Kenneth Galbraith)***

**This can be uphill or downhill at the same time. Depends on which way you're facing. *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**The mind is both spiritual and physical in its attributes to the human body, and if ye feed thy body-mind upon worldly things, ye become worldly. If ye feed thy mind upon those things that are His, ye become His indeed. *(Edgar Cayce)***

**When Jesus turned water into wine and fed five thousand by multiplying a few loaves and fishes, He performed in a masterly and beneficial way what our scientists made possible in a destructive way by releasing through the atomic bomb the pent-up forces of Spirit. (*Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 14)***

**Some people go through life getting results; others get consequences. *(E. Stanley Jones)***

The hammer shatters glass but forges steel. *(Bits & Pieces)*

One American put it this way: Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith. *(Dwight D. Eisenhower)*

**Happiness is an attitude. We either make ourselves miserable, or happy and strong. The amount of work is the same. *(Francesca Reigler)***

**History is moving, and it will tend toward hope, or tend toward tragedy. *(George W. Bush)***

**The angle from which we view things makes a big difference. Lord Chesterfield once pointed out that a horse looks pretty much like a horse from ground level, but when you climb up in the loft and look at one from the top, a horse looks a good deal like a violin. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**There's an Ozark story about a hound sitting in a country store howling as hounds do. In comes a stranger who says to the storekeeper, “What's the matter with the dog?” “He’s sitting on a cocklebur.” “Why doesn't he get off?” “He’d rather holler.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**First jewelers, it’s said, chipped stones into shapes of animal teeth to make fake necklaces. Fake, because animal teeth were what decorated real necklaces. But there were those who preferred chipping rocks to pulling the teeth of tigers. *(L. M. Boyd)*  
Sign in a farm-equipment dealer’s repair shop: “We do three types of jobs – Cheap, Quick and Good. You can have any two. A good quick job – won’t be cheap; a good job cheap – won’t be quick; a cheap job quick – won’t be good.” *(Farmer’s Digest)***

**When life kicks you, let it kick you forward. *(Stanley E. Jones)***

**Choose life – only that and always and at whatever risk. To let life leak out, to let it wear away by the mere passage of time, to withhold giving it and spreading it, is to choose nothing. *(Sr. Mary Corita Kent)***

**A thought to remember: Forget the list of things to do; it’s easier to list things already done. *(Reminisce magazine)***

**Love looks through a telescope; envy, through a microscope. *(Josh Billings)***

**The important thing about your lot in life is whether you use it for building or parking. *(Ivern Ball)***

**One retired man made beautiful toys in his workshop, and he sold them to a toy store. It was hard work. A retired woman made beautiful dolls and she gave them away to poor children. It was a pleasure. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**There is no escape – man drags man down, or man lifts man up. *(Booker T. Washington, American educator and author)***

**As attached as partners in long marriages are to one another, they could live alone and manage if necessary because each remains an individual, whole and intact in the midst of their partnership. If they had to, each could survive without the other. They simply do not choose to. *(Francine Klagsbrun, in Married People)***

**Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people. *(Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, “father” of America’s nuclear Navy)***

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**Being human means I am entitled to make occasional mistakes, but am also able to regret them. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**In general, there are two kinds of people who make mistakes: those who won't admit them, and those who call them experience. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**What does this say? OPPORTUNITYISNOWHERE. Did you read it as … Opportunity is nowhere, or Opportunity is now here? *(Bits & Pieces)***

**(about the past) … the way I see it, you can either run from it, or learn from it. *(Rafikki to Simba, in Disney’s “The Lion King”)***

**This gives you a choice, a positive or negative path. Clearly, the positive path will lead to a more rewarding, more contented life. As author John Gardner said, “We need to believe in ourselves but not to believe that life is easy.” *(Harvey Mackay, in Outswimming the Sharks)***

**A small trouble is like a pebble. Hold it too close to your eye and it fills the whole world and puts everything out of focus. Hold it at proper viewing distance and it can be examined and properly classified. Throw it at your feet and it can be seen in its true setting, just one more tiny bump on the pathway to eternity. *(Celia Luce)***

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There are two types of people -- those who come into a room and say, “Well, here I am!” and those who come in and say, “Ah, there you are.” *(Frederick L. Collins)***

Some people grin and bear it. Others smile and change it. *(Bits & Pieces)*

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**In this life you sometimes have to choose between pleasing God and pleasing man. In the long run it's better to please God -- he's more apt to remember. *(Harry Kemelman*)**

Many people quench the Spirit by being down in the mouth rather than rejoicing, by planning rather than praying, by murmuring rather than giving thanks, and by worrying instead of trusting in him who is faithful. *(Cameron Townsend, founder Wycliffe Bible Translators)*

**You can complain because roses have thorns, or you can rejoice because thorns have roses*. (Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**A brick wall and a plate-glass window are made from the same principal ingredient: sand! *(Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts, p. 85)***

**Better sleep with a sober cannibal than a drunken Christian. *(Herman Melville)***

**A thought to remember: It takes as much energy to hold out a helping hand as to point a finger. *(Reminisce magazine)*Therapy is expensive, poppin’ bubble wrap is cheap! You choose. *(Tidbits)***

**We seldom think of what we have but always of what we lack. *(Schopenhauer)***

**Why is it that time softens some people, and hardens others? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**If you want to go places, you must either get behind and push or go in front and pull. If you stand to the side, you won’t go anywhere. *(Submitted by Carrie Smyrnios, in Guideposts)*  
When the winds of change blow, some people build walls, and others build windmills. *(Chinese proverb)***

**We either work out of Love or out of fear. *(Emmet Fox)***

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