

# Make Your Choice

Joshua 24:14-15

The Bible teaches that we have \_\_\_\_\_ of choice but that our choices come with \_\_\_\_\_.

The word \_\_\_\_\_ is used 16 times in Joshua 24.

Joshua clarifies three alternatives:

## I. \_\_\_\_\_ Religion

- a. Israel's ancestors in Mesopotamia were \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Many people have a strong desire to cling to their heritage, their roots
- c. There might even be a robotic allegiance, as if in automatic pilot
- d. The Bible informs this tendency – Jn. 4:20; \_\_\_\_\_ 10:34-39; Gal. 4:16

## II. \_\_\_\_\_ Religion

- a. Canaanite paganism infected the Israelites and poisoned their faithfulness to the LORD God
- b. Ex. 20:3; Lev. 18:21; Ex. 32:6; 1 Kings 18:21
- c. What was it that blinded the Israelites to these perversions? Jn. 17:11, 14
- d. Today there are many cultural magnets that would draw us away from Jesus Christ
- e. Many churches (especially megachurches) are \_\_\_\_\_-driven instead of \_\_\_\_\_-driven.

## III. \_\_\_\_\_ Religion

- a. Unwavering declaration: “We will serve the \_\_\_\_\_”
- b. This involves \_\_\_\_\_ – Jn. 12:42-43; Deut. 30:19
  - i. No closet convictions
  - ii. It involves “\_\_\_\_\_ and truth (or ‘faithfulness’)” – v. 14
- c. It is \_\_\_\_\_ -- “as for *me* and *my* house”
- d. It is \_\_\_\_\_ -- “choose *this day*...” – Acts 24:24-25