

The Divine Dance of Crazy Love

How to Live in a World Gone Mad

“Do not even say, ‘By my head!’ for you can’t turn one hair white or black. Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ Anything beyond this is from the evil one... When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong.”

Matt. 5:36-37 NLT + The Message

“God cares, cares right down to the last detail. And since you know that he cares, let your language show it. ... Just say yes or no. Just say what is true. That way, your language can’t be used against you.” James 5:11-12 The Message

Two Ways to Live My Life

M y way or Your Way _____ Reveals Outside Crazy

1. If I Live Your Way I Become a Drenched Doormat

“Just say ... no. Just say what is true ... can’t be used against you.” Jm 5:12 Message

2. If You Live My Way I Become a Defiant Dictator

“No means no...When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong.”

Matt. 5:37 NCV + The Message

“Forget them. They are blind men leading blind men. When a blind man leads a blind man, they both end up in the ditch.” Matt. 15:14 The Message

A lone or Together _____ Reveals Inside Crazy

1. If I Live My Way (Alone) I Become a Desolate Dodger

“God cares, cares right down to the last detail ... ‘yes’ ...” James 5:11 The Message

2. If You Live Your Way (Alone) You Become a Detached Deserter

“Let your language show it ... Just say yes ...” James 5:11-12 The Message

“There’s a way of life that looks harmless enough; look again—it leads straight to hell.”

Proverbs 14:12 The Message

One Alternative: The Diabolical Disarray

“If you decide that it’s a bad thing to worship God, then choose a god you’d rather serve...” Joshua 24:15a The Message

Two Ways to Live: God's Way or Not

"But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15c NLT

D ivine Dance Is The Delight of Crazy Love

1. When I Live God's Way, I Become a Devoted Doer

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."
John 4:34 NIV

"Be doers of the Word ... (for) whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action." James 1:22, 24 NKJV + The Message

Before ... I wandered all over the place, but now I'm in step with your Word.... The godless ... (are) bland as a bucket of lard, while I dance to the tune of your revelation..." Psalm 119:65-72 The Message

2. When WE Live God's Way, WE Become a Developing Demonstration

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." Gal. 5:25 NIV

"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." Eph. 3:10-11 NIV

Doing the Two-Step

"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard..." Matt. 10:16-17 NIV

- TRUTH Fills the Emptiness Inside = INNOCENT
- GRACE Deals with the Crazyiness Outside = SHREWD

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory ... full of grace and truth." John 1:14 NIV

"No one abuses his own body, does he? No, he feeds and pampers it. That's how Christ treats us, the church, since we are part of his body." Eph 5:29 The Message