

Two Directions - Part 2



Humans in the Last Days

Choose which list will describe your life

Them or Us or Both?

Power

"You, however..."

Self-Love vs. a Life of Love

Lovers of Money vs. Contentment

Pride vs. Humility

(Philippians 2:3–4) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. {4} Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

(Philippians 2:5–8) Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: {6} Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, {7} but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. {8} And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

(James 4:6b) “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

(1 Peter 5:5–6) Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” {6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

(2 Corinthians 12:9–10) But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. {10} That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Without Self-Control vs. Self-Denial

(Galatians 5:22–23) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, {23} gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

(Proverbs 4:23) Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

(Titus 2:11–12) For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. {12} It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Unforgiving vs. Endurance

(Colossians 3:13) Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Broken Relationships vs. Faithful Love

(1 Corinthians 13:4–5,8a) Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. {5} It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs... {8} Love never fails..

(1 John 4:7–8) Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. {8} Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Lovers of Pleasure vs. Purpose

(Philippians 1:21) For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Rashness vs. Patience

(Proverbs 14:29) A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.

(James 1:19) My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

Brutality vs. Love

(John 1:14) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(Ephesians 4:15) Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Treachery vs. Faithfulness

What We Believe and How We Live

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(Ephesians 2:8–9) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— {9} not by works, so that no one can boast.

(Ephesians 2:10) For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.