

Differences in Men

Successes or Failures

All Men
Are Not Equal

God Will Soon Expose
All the Differences

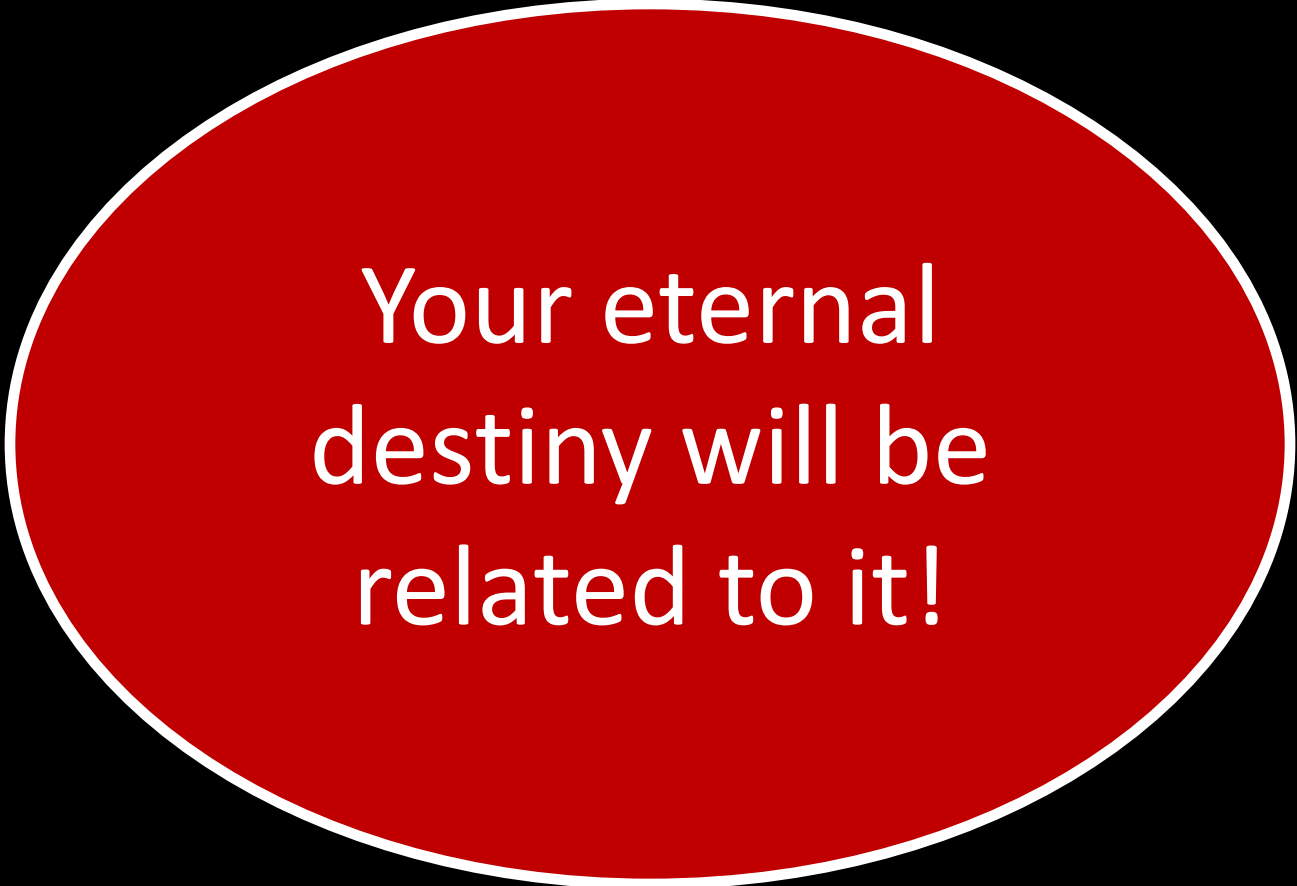
In this Life
and the Next

No Men Are
Created Equal


No Two Men
Behave Equally




All differences
of men will soon
be exposed!



Your eternal
destiny will be
related to it!



You will likely be
exposed before
you die!



Let Jesus start
our comparison
of men.



Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said,

But what think ye?

A certain man had two sons;

and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

***He answered and said, I will not:
but afterward he repented, and
went.***

And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

***Whether of them twain did the
will of his father?***

They say unto him, The first.

Jesus saith unto them,

Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not:

***but the publicans and the harlots
believed him:***

***and ye, when ye had seen it,
repented not afterward, that ye
might believe him.***

Two Sons ... Asked to Work

Son #1

- “I will not work.”
- He then repented.
- He went and worked.

Son #2

- “I will work, sir.”
- But he did not work.
- He stayed rebellious.

Two Groups ... Hearing the Gospel

Publicans & Harlots

- They were sinners.
- But they repented.
- They changed their lives.

Priests & Elders

- They were self-righteous.
- They did not repent.
- They would not change.

Two Kinds ... of Christians

Repentant Sinners

- They know they are bad.
- They repent at truth.
- They change their lives.

Self-righteous Fakes

- They think they are fine.
- They ignore warnings.
- They never change.

Two Kinds ... of Christians

Repentant Sinners

- They love warnings.
- They make mistakes.
- They grow in grace.

Self-righteous Fakes

- They are polite talkers.
- They have little fruit.
- They stay in their rut.



Jesus compared
men another way.

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Luke 12:47-48

Jesus said,

And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

Jesus said,

***But he that knew not, and did
commit things worthy of stripes,
shall be beaten with few stripes.***

Jesus said,

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Two Kinds ... of Servants

Knowing & Disobedient

- Knew the master's will.
- Disobeyed his master.
- Beaten – many stripes!

Ignorant & Disobedient

- Did not know his will.
- Broke the master's rules.
- Still beaten – few stripes!

Two Kinds ... of Christians

Taught

- Pastor preaches truth.
- No excuse of ignorance.
- Judged severely!

Ignorant

- No pastor or weak one.
- Little knowledge of God.
- Judged mercifully!

He also compared
men with eternal
consequences.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him ... he shall separate them one from another ... and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.


Matthew 25:31-33

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Matthew 25:34

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matthew 25:41



Would you agree
this is a pretty
big difference?

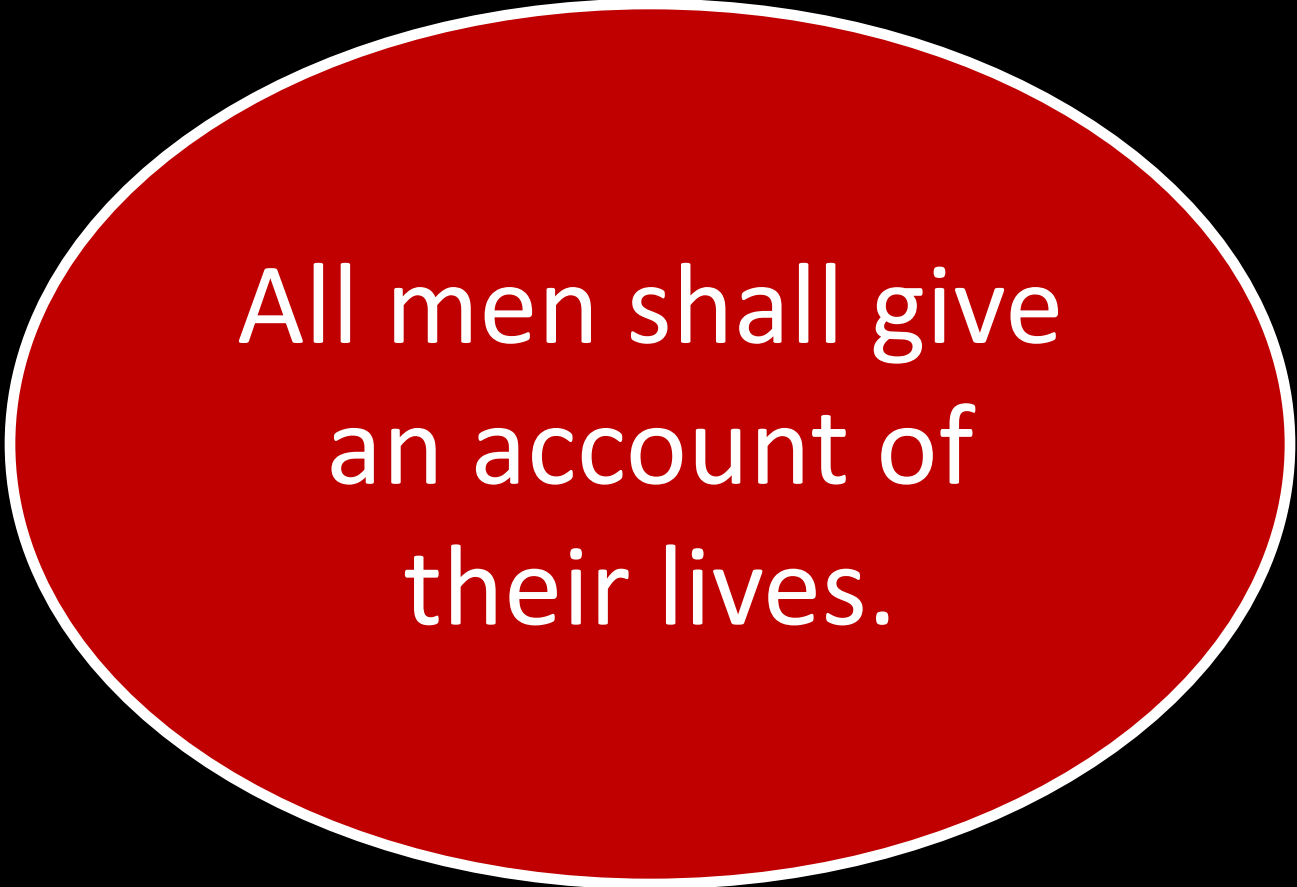
Two Kinds ... of Men

Sheep

- Loving service to others.
- Only the least count.
- Eternal inheritance!

Goats

- Selfish lack of service.
- May have loved friends.
- Cursed! Everlasting fire!



All men shall give
an account of
their lives.

***For God shall bring every work
into judgment, with every secret
thing, whether it be good, or
whether it be evil.***

Ecclesiastes 12:14

***In the day when God shall judge
the secrets of men by Jesus
Christ according to my gospel.***

Romans 2:16

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ....

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Romans 14:10-12

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

II Corinthians 5:10



All will be
exposed and
judged strictly.

Two Kinds ... of Christians

Productive

- With fruit and works.
- Passionate service.
- Fellowship and heaven.

Perfunctory

- Attend church regularly.
- Mainly Sunday motions.
- Fruitless and then hell?

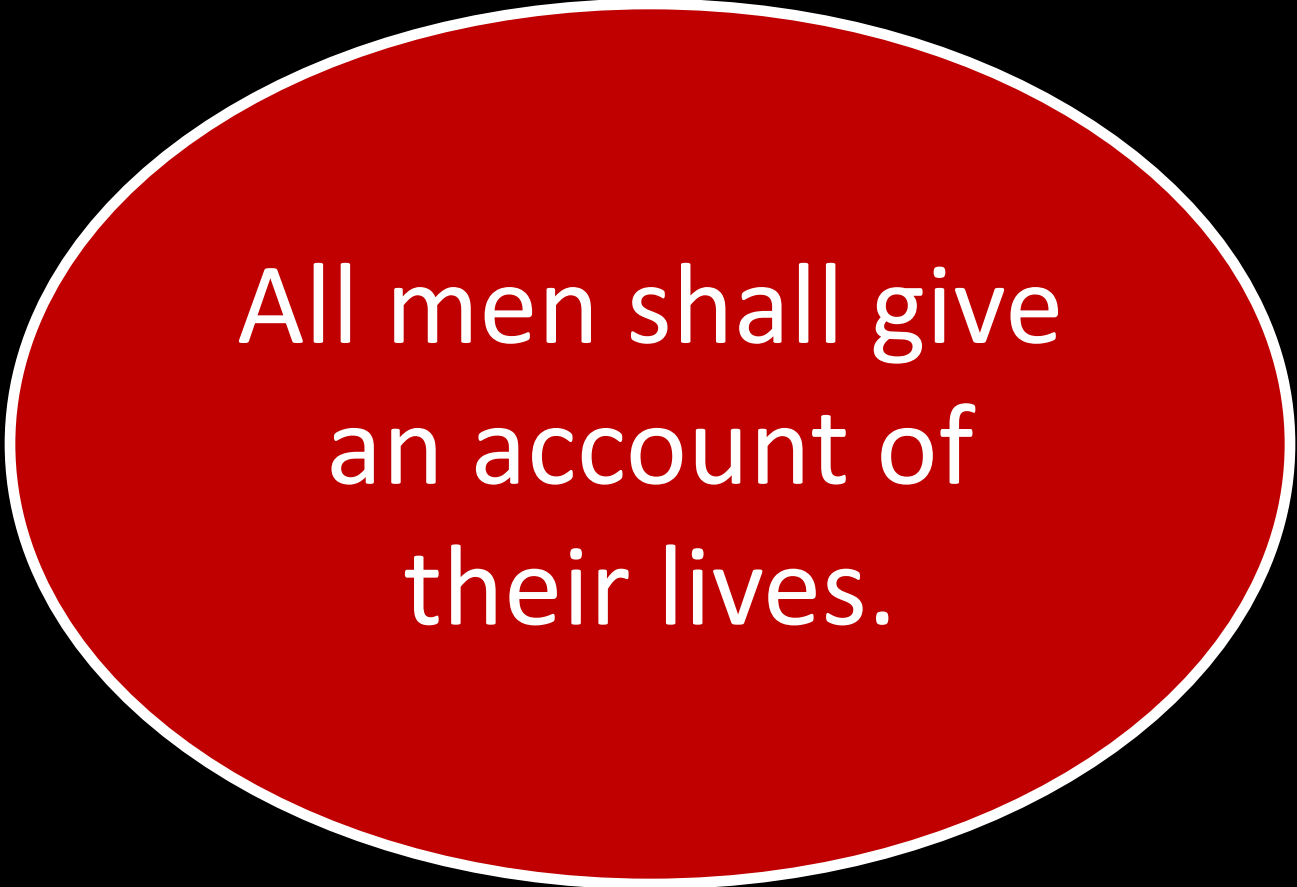
Two Kinds ... of Christians

Affect Many


- Always loving, serving.
- Children are servants.
- Loved and sought out.

Affect Few

- Usually selfishly alone.
- Carnal, worldly children.
- Ignored or endured.

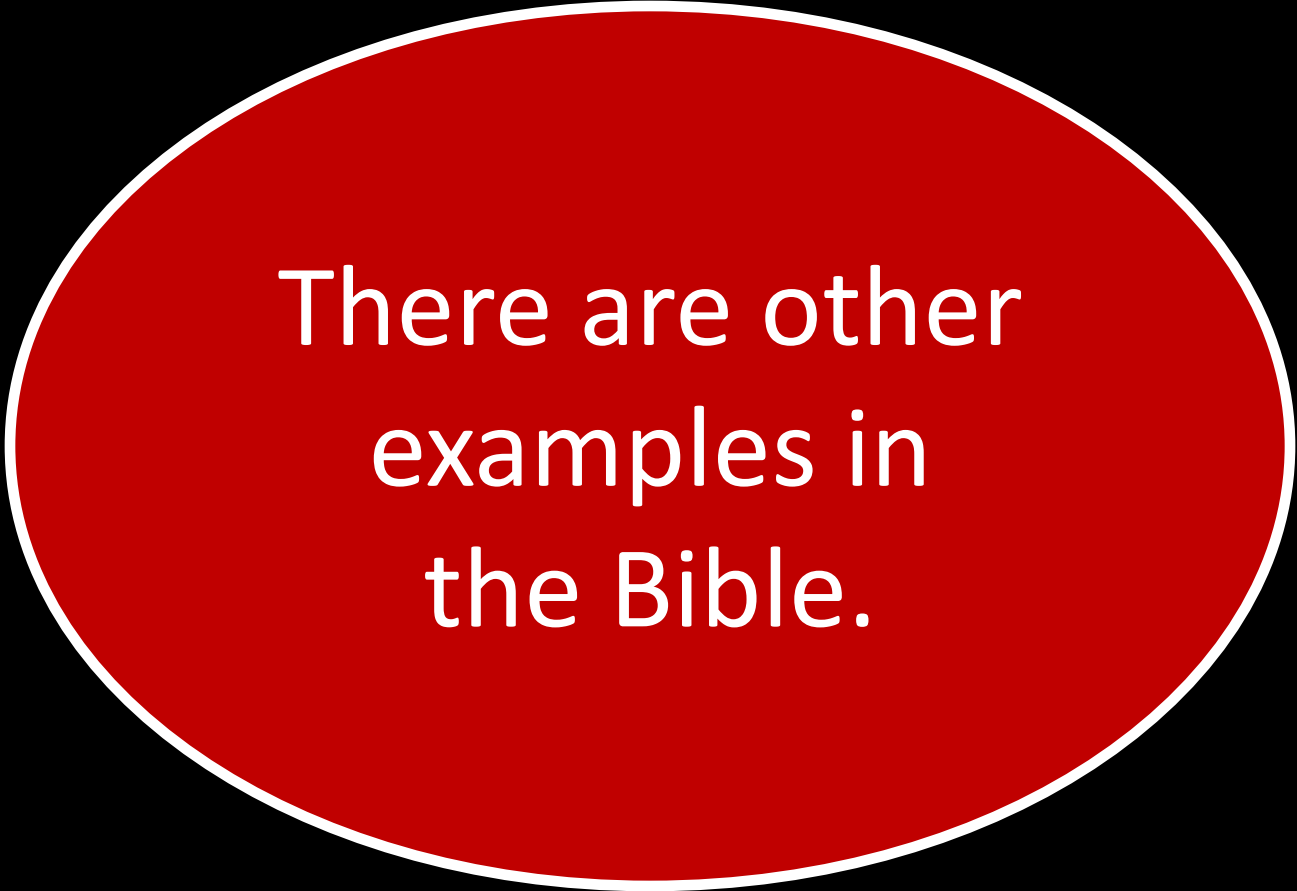


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their lives.



You choose daily
how and where
to invest.



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There are other
examples in
the Bible.

Two Men ... from Last Meeting

Abraham

- Obeyed no matter what.
- Sacrificed anything.
- Ignored pleasure now.

Lot

- Selfish for prosperity.
- Family of compromise.
- Sought pleasure here.

Two Men ... from Last Meeting

Abraham


- He was “Friend of God.”
- Happy blessings here!
- Heaven named for him!

Lot

- Could have been famous.
- Miserably ruined his life.
- Example of great loser.



No Two Men
Behave Equally



You will likely be
exposed before
you get to die!



The difference of
Abraham and Lot
is incredible!



It was simply the
result of their
choices!

A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Proverbs 28:20

***He that diligently seeketh good
procureth favour: but he that
seeketh mischief, it shall come
unto him.***

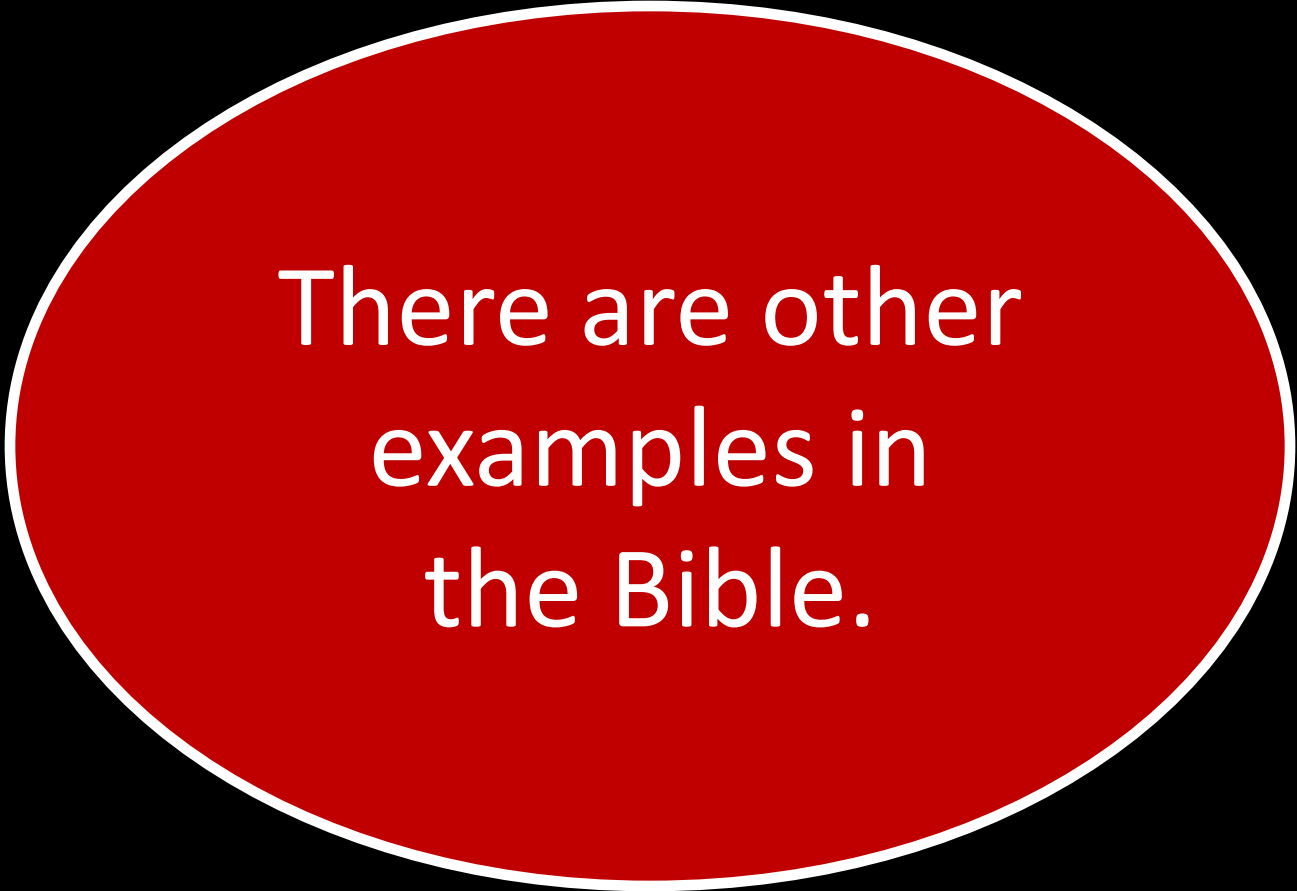
Proverbs 11:27

***A good man obtaineth favour of
the LORD: but a man of wicked
devices will he condemn.***

Proverbs 12:2

***Good understanding giveth favour:
but the way of transgressors is
hard.***

Proverbs 13:15

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examples in
the Bible.

Two Men ... Kings!

David

- Passion, delight in God.
- Loved mercy to others.
- Fearless faith in God.

Saul

- Chosen as the first king.
- Very gifted physically.
- Had Samuel as his tutor.

Two Men ... Kings!

David

- Man after God's heart.
- Zealous worship leader.
- Father of Jesus Christ!

Saul

- Had to live fearing David.
- Last worship with witch.
- Disgraced family cut off.

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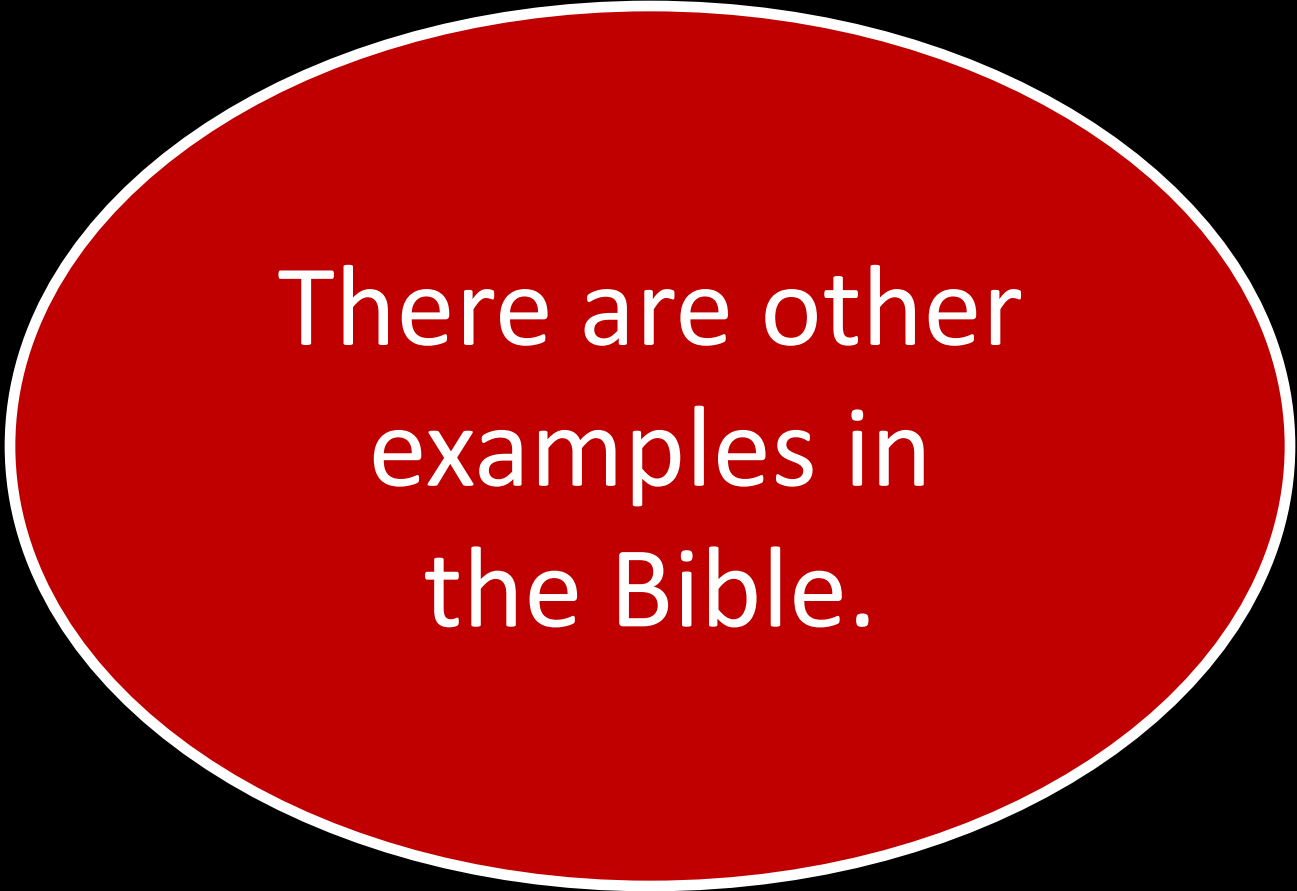
The difference of
David and Saul
is incredible!

Saul could have
had a dynasty
with Jonathan!



It was simply the
result of foolish
choices!





There are other
examples in
the Bible.

Two Men ... Kings!

Jehoshaphat

- A great king of Judah.
- Feared God - revivalist.
- Fearless faith in God.

Ahab

- Married a worldly wife.
- Despised hard preaching.
- He and wife ugly deaths.

The difference of
Jehoshaphat
and Ahab
is incredible!

Two Men ... Uncle-Nephew

David

- Humble king of Judah.
- Sweet Psalmist of Israel.
- God's favorite forever.

Joab

- Took Salem; led army.
- Jealous and too hard.
- Executed at the altar.



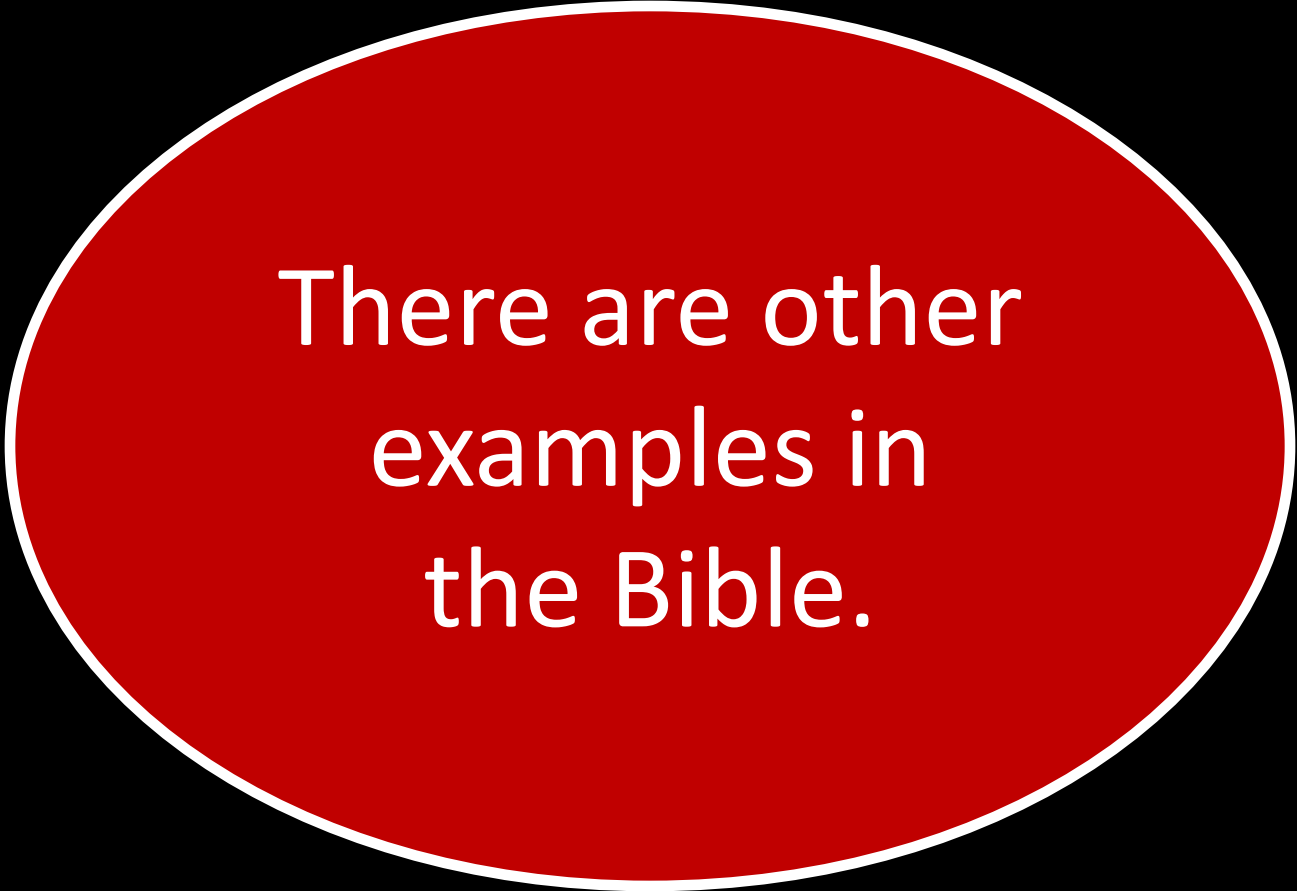
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Why?

Oh Why?



There are other
examples in
the Bible.

Two Young Men ... *with Whores*

Joseph

- Promises postponed.
- Opportunity ... but NO!
- Egypt's throne; 2 tribes!

Samson

- Strongest man ever.
- Warned often ... but YES!
- Blind ... grind ... suicide!

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The difference of
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is incredible!

Two Men ... In Same City

Lazarus

- Miserable life of trouble.
- Humble trust in God.
- Reversal beyond belief!

Rich Man

- Had best of everything.
- Attended church often.
- Reversal beyond belief!



Another Contrast!

Two Brothers

Prodigal

- Fool wasted inheritance.
- Repented and returned.
- Fatted calf and honor.

Older Brother

- Faithful, perfunctory life.
- Self-righteous, resentful.
- Illustrated the Pharisees.

Two Nations

Gentiles

- Idolaters humbly repent!
- Glad rejoicing at gospel.
- Kingdom and blessings!

Jews

- Made light of gospel.
- Hated truth preachers.
- Ground to powder 70AD!

He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

Matthew 21:41

Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Matthew 21:43

Ministers Make Choices

Timothy

- Naturally loved souls.
- Exalted Christ & Spirit.
- Father-son to Paul.

Others

- Seek their own comfort.
- Little passion for Christ.
- Unlike the great apostle.

Members Make Choices

Phebe, Stephanas, etc.

- Addicted to serve others.
- Christ shining through.
- Glorify God in all ways.

Average Members

- Seek their own comfort.
- Doctrine, friends, etc.
- Truth, habit, rules, etc.

Churches Make Choices

Philippi

- Doctrine and passion.
- Serving far and wide.
- Paul's kindest epistle.

Ephesus

- Doctrine and diligence.
- Lost passion for Christ.
- Spirit left ... a corpse!

Churches Make Choices

Philippi

- Doctrine and passion.
- Serving far and wide.
- Paul's kindest epistle.

Laodicea

- Comfortable and proud.
- Lukewarm for Christ.
- Soon to be spewed out!



HOT

COLD

**LUKE
WARM**

Choose right!

*Doctrine & Diligence?
or Christ & Passion?*

Choose right!

or All Four?

Choose right!

Hot?

Cold?

Lukewarm?



HOT

COLD

**LUKE
WARM**

Two Women ... Both Want You!

Wisdom

- Prepared a feast for you.
- Life, honor, riches, etc.!
- Pleasure now and later.

Folly

- Prison fare is her best.
- Her looks and lies entice.
- Pain, misery, death, hell.

Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Proverbs 3:16-17

***She is a tree of life to them that
lay hold upon her: and happy is
every one that retaineth her.***

Proverbs 3:18

***Wisdom hath builded her house,
she hath hewn out her seven
pillars: She hath killed her beasts;
she hath mingled her wine; she
hath also furnished her table.***

Proverbs 9:1-2

***A foolish woman is clamorous:
she is simple, and knoweth
nothing.... To call passengers
who go right on their ways:***


Proverbs 9:13-15

***Stolen waters are sweet, and
bread eaten in secret is pleasant.
But he knoweth not that the
dead are there; and that her
guests are in the depths of hell.***

Proverbs 9:17-18



The difference of
wisdom and folly
is incredible!



But most men
choose folly
over wisdom!



Why?

Oh Why?

Every One Makes a Choice

Strait Gate

- Strait = restricted life.
- A few ugly travelers.
- Life! and eternal life!

Broad Way

- Broad = live as you want.
- Many beautiful people.
- Destruction! and worse!



God deserves
your best!



God demands
your best!



God blesses
zealots!



God judges
pretenders!



Your best life is
only by doing
things God's way.

How Do You Compare? - 1

Fornication

Worldly Friends

Lazy

Bitterness

Pornography

Contentions

Child Training

Television

Lying

Hospitality

Drunkenness

Disrespectful Wife

How Do You Compare? - 2

Complaining

Dishonoring Parents

Pride

Harsh words

Unthankful

Overspending

Under-saving

Messy Home

Defrauding

Revenge

Wrath

Envy

Foolish talking

How Do You Compare? - 3

Zeal for Christ

Brotherly Love

Inputs

Fervent prayer

Body Duties

Witnessing

Walk in Spirit

Talks of Christ

Selflessness

Holiness

Gentleness

Joy

Peacemaker

Jesus said,

But what think ye?

A certain man had two sons;

Which Son Are You?

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