

ALL OR NOTHING

I Don't Want to Move

July 22, 2018

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Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:14-16

*...For whatever **overcomes a person**, to that **he is enslaved** (2 Peter 2:19b).*

The Middle – That Which Exists Between

¹⁴ *“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation. ¹⁵ I know your works: **you are neither cold nor hot**. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because **you are lukewarm**, and neither hot nor cold, **I will spit you out of my mouth**” (Revelation 3:14–16).*

I. The Divine Response

¹⁹ *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for **you were bought with a price**. So glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:19–20).*

¹³ *Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but **present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life**, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness (Romans 6:13).*

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, **to present your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is **your spiritual worship** (Romans 12:1).*

II. The Human Response

*And he said to all, **“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me”** (Luke 9:23).*

³⁸ *“And whoever does not take his cross and follow me **is not worthy of me**. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and **whoever loses his life for my sake will find it**” (Matthew 10:38–39).*

⁷ *For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, **whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s** (Romans 14:7–8).*

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will **entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good** (1 Peter 4:19).

- A. Am I willing to give myself totally to God?
- B. Am I willing to give up self-reliance?
- C. Am I willing to denounce self-exaltation?
- D. Am I willing to be utterly dependent on God?

III. The Worldly Appeal

¹⁵ **Do not love the world** or the things in the world. If anyone **loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him**. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father **but is from the world** (1 John 2:15–16).

IV. Delayed Gratification

if we **endure**, we will also **reign with him**; if we **deny him**, he also will **deny us** (2 Timothy 2:12).

For **you have need of endurance**, so that when you have **done the will of God** you may **receive what is promised** (Hebrews 10:36).

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