

April Devotional: The Lenten Choice, by Jerry Furniss

If the church is to follow Christ, then we need to be in step with his word, his truth, and his authority, all outlined in the Bible. Let's look at some of these truths and see if we are in step with Him. Lent is about earnestly considering your suit of Christianity. This time should be a joyful expression of thanks for the grace of God. This shows your appreciation to God by:

- Opening you hearts to His truth
- Opening your minds to His wisdom
- Opening your lives to His will
- Opening your hands to do His work

The choice is one between man's way and God's way, between quick gratification and patiently waiting for something better, between laws and grace, between self autonomy and humble service, between being a slave to this world and being free from the desires of this world. Those who are slaves to this world will struggle with themselves and the established natural laws of a fallen society. Those free of that struggle simply follow the established path that Jesus provided in his example.

At Cross Keys, we know that the Cross holds the keys! Make the choice!

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