

THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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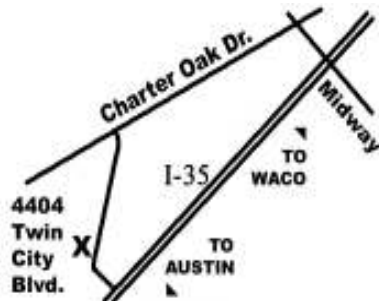
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WHEN WE MEET

Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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Two Approaches to Life

The Bible affirms that you have only two options in life:

LIVE FOR YOURSELF or LIVE FOR OTHERS
OBEY YOUR OWN WILL or OBEY THE WILL OF GOD
LIVE FOR TODAY or LIVE FOR ETERNITY
TRUST IN YOURSELF or TRUST IN GOD
SOW TO THE FLESH or SOW TO THE SPIRIT
BE FLESHLY MINDED or BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED
WALK IN DARKNESS or WALK IN THE LIGHT
BE A CHILD OF THE DEVIL or BE A CHILD OF GOD

And, although you have only two choices, each choice comes with consequences attached. For example:

If you live for yourself, you will die spiritually alone.
If you obey your own will, you are in rebellion to God.
If you live for today, you will be unprepared for eternity.
If you trust in your own goodness, you will fall short of God's perfect standard.
If you sow to the flesh, you will reap corruption.
If you are fleshly-minded, you will never learn to appreciate good and noble things.
If you walk in darkness, you will stumble and fall.
If you are a child of the devil, you will be lost.

Another Perspective

"I'm Going on a Diet... Tomorrow"

Those are the words of many who have reached their capacity of good cooking during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Of course, tomorrow is always the distant future in such dieting plans. So, what is wrong with dieting today? Well, today would be a serious commitment and there is just too much good food still to be sampled.

For some folks, today's tasks keep mounting because they are always delayed until tomorrow. When tomorrow comes, today will have passed and today becomes yesterday with nothing accomplished – the intended deeds keep mounting and it becomes depressing, even to think about them. "Tomorrow," they say, "I will get busy and get all this done." Tomorrow becomes an endless string of yesterdays.

We should have a strong sense of urgency for doing things today – not only because procrastination becomes a pattern in a non-productive life, but also because today is all we have. James says of our life, *"For it is even as a vapor that appears for a little time, then vanishes away"* (4:14). Jesus said of tomorrow, *"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof"* (Mt 6:33). Many people hasten their demise by worrying about work that needed to be done yesterday – but few work themselves to death today.

– Jim R. Everett (edited)

Just Thinkin'

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven". Thus Jesus emphasized the importance of our influence with others.



We may tend to believe that we are insignificant creatures, especially if we do not occupy positions of 'authority' or public activity. But, you have had a profound influence on others since before you were born (just ask your mother). And, you have continued to influence people around you ever since – for good or for bad. Jesus simply asks us to influence for good.

Of course, influence is not an end in itself. The Pharisees were overly concerned with how they looked to others. And, so was the church at Sardis (Re 3:1). But, reputation can go a long ways in helping us to lead others to Christ – or in driving them away.

Think about it.