



## Joshua 24:14-15 NIV

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14 “Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”



## Ephesians 6:12 NIV

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For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



## Proverbs 22:6 NIV

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Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.



## Proverbs 22:6 KJV

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Train up a child in the way he should go:

And when he is old, he will not depart from it.

**Previous Scripture: Ephesians 6:12;**

**Joshua 24:14-15**



## Ephesians 6:4 NIV

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Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.



# I. Fear and Serve God

Joshua 24:14a NIV

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Previous Scripture: Ephesians 6:4;

Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:12



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1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV

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19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Previous Scripture: Joshua 24:14a;

Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6



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Romans 8:38-39 NIV

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Previous Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20;**

**Joshua 24:14a; Ephesians 6:4**





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1 John 3:1 NIV

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See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.



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Matthew 10:34-36 NIV

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34 “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— 36 man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’



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## Deuteronomy 10:12 NIV

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And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

**Previous Scripture: Matthew 10:34-36;**

**1 John 3:1; Romans 8:38-39**



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## Proverbs 1:7 NIV

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,  
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.



## II. Throw Away and Serve God



Joshua 24:14b NIV

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2 Kings 17:32-34 NIV

32 They worshiped the LORD, but they also appointed all sorts of their own people to officiate for them as priests in the shrines at the high places. 33 They worshiped the LORD, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought.

34 To this day they persist in their former practices. They neither worship the LORD nor adhere to the decrees and regulations, the laws and commands that the LORD gave the descendants of Jacob, whom he named Israel.

**Previous Scripture: Joshua 24:14b;**

**Proverbs 1:7; Deuteronomy 10:12**



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Genesis 35:2-4 NIV

2 So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. 3 Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone.” 4 So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak at Shechem.

**Previous Scripture: 2 Kings 17:32-34;**

**Joshua 24:14b; Proverbs 1:7**



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Matthew 6:24 NIV

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“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.





### III. Choose and Serve God

Joshua 24:15 NIV

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Previous Scripture: Matthew 6:24;

Genesis 35:2-4; 2 Kings 17:32-34



## III. Choose and Serve God

### 1 Kings 18:21-24 NIV

21 Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing.

22 Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the LORD’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. 23 Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. 24 Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.”

**Previous Scripture: Joshua 24:15;**

**Matthew 6:24; Genesis 35:2-4**



## III. Choose and Serve God

Luke 9:23 NIV

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Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

**Previous Scripture: 1 Kings 18:21-24;**

**Joshua 24:15; Matthew 6:24**