

Pastoral Notes

'God will not make you do right' Gal 5:13-19.

When you look back over your life, hasn't there been times where you messed up, did something, perhaps said something, that you regretted? Wouldn't it have been nice if God had intervened beforehand to make you do right? Haven't you had interactions with people, in your home, on your job, in your community or school, where you were mistreated or disrespected? Wouldn't you have liked God to have stepped in and made them treat you right?

God is omnipotent (all powerful). There is nothing he can't do. He can turn water to wine and give sight to the blind. Oceans he can fill and diseases he can heal. But **while there is nothing God cannot do, there are some things he will not do. He will not lie, sin nor will he make you do right.**

We were created to have eternal fellowship with God in a relationship based on love and not command. **God gave us freewill** to show we love him. **He allows us to use our freewill to make choices.** We have the choice of accepting or rejecting God. Our love can only be genuine if we have a choice of who we love. In the final chapter of Joshua (Jos 24:14-15), the new leader of the Israelites told

them they had to choose the God whom they would serve. Today, you and I have to make a similar choice, to either **choose to serve, love and obey God or the rulers of this dark world.**

In the text, Paul says, when we fight and devour one another, the result is self- destruction. This is why families are falling apart and why our country is so divided. We are a bigger enemy to ourselves than ISIS. We know our ultimate adversary is Satan. But why give the enemy ammunition to use against us?

It is hard to do right even when you want to. Often, wrong seems to win the race over right. You ever had a conversation that started out civil but ended abrasive, or started out with the truth but ended up in a lie? This is **because we all have a sin nature that wants to please our flesh over our Spirit. God has given us freewill but he also gave us dominion. You have the power to rule over the earth, your actions and your reactions.**

Freewill comes with a price. You can pay it or allow Jesus to pay it on your behalf. This simply requires you **accept him as Lord and Savior in your heart. If you do this, you will want to do right** and won't need to be forced to.

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Nuggets:

- Freedom is for your liberation, not self-gratification
- Regarding desires & temptation, the wise resist it, but the foolish assist it
- Righteousness is not just a **good idea**, it is a **good choice**
- Freewill comes with a price.
- When you are a sinner, the devil is the winner
- Let freewill be a blessing and not a curse to you

or as a CD. Listen to it and
share it with others for it is the
anointed Word of God.

Stay Blessed,
Pastor Robbie