

SIGN & CRY

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One of the tactics of the Devil is presenting us with two options with the idea that we have to pick one.

For Example:

- Which would you prefer **Pork** or **Shrimp**?
- Which one would you like to do without your **brain** or your **heart**?

Not because only two **options** are **presented** we have to **choose one**.

Here are a few more relative to the condition our church:

Which would you prefer **Complacency** or **Fanaticism**?
Would you prefer **Worldliness** or **Criticism**?

Both lead to the same place.

They are like **two cliffs** that leads to a **deep deadly plunge**

We need to stay in the **middle** of the **narrow road**

What does that look like?

I. COMPLACENCY / WORLDLINESS

Just do enough to say you are a Christian.

Worldliness in the Church is not new. It's been spoken of by the Prophets and Presidents of this movement:

II. FANATICISM & CRITICISM & SEPERATISM

QUESTION 1:

WHAT TWO OPTIONS DOES SATAN PRESENT TO US?

1. **COMPLACENCY & WORLDLINESS**
2. **FANATICISM, CRITICISM & SEPERATISM**

| [Ezekiel 9:1-6](#)

QUESTION 2:
WHERE WAS THE APOSTASY TAKING PLACE IN EZEKIEL 9

Questions:

Where was the apostasy?_____

QUESTION 3:
3. WHAT DOES JERUSALEM REPRESENT?

But _____
which is above is free, which is the _____
of us all. — Galatian 4:26

And when they were come to _____
, they were received of the _____
, and *of* the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with
them. — Acts 15:4

Here we see that the _____ the **Lord's sanctuary**—was
the first to feel the stroke of the wrath of God. {5T 211.2}

Where did Jesus tell His disciples to tarry after he left?

| Luke 24:44-49
| Acts 1:3-14

1. **For their own sins**
2. **The sins of the people**

**Now I want to take these two point and spends some time on them from the Bible
and SOP!**

1. COMPLACENCY & WORLDLINESS

| 1 John 2:15-17 | Romans 12:1-2 | 2 Tim 3:1-15

The warnings that **worldly conformity** has silenced or withheld must be given under
the **fiercest opposition** from enemies of the faith. And at that time **the superficial,
conservative class**, whose **influence** has steadily **retarded** the **progress of the work**,
will **renounce the faith and take their stand with its avowed enemies**, toward whom
their sympathies have long been tending. {5T 463.2}

Remember we were are Laodicea—No **commendation** for behavior, no **condemnation** for the **doctrine**.

2. FANATICISM, CRITICISM & SEPERATISM

QUESTION 4:

WHAT ARE WE TOLD WOULD HAPPEN TO GOD’S PEOPLE WHO DO NOT IMPROVE ON LIGHT?

Those who have had great light and precious privileges, but have not improved them, **will, under one pretext or another,** _____. —
{6T 400.3}

QUESTION 5 – Fill in the blank

No advice or sanction is given in the **Word of God** to those who believe the **third angel's message** to lead them to **suppose** that they can _____. **This you may settle with yourselves** _____. ...There must be **no** _____ in this **great testing time**...{3SM 21}

QUESTION 6 – FILL IN THE BLANK

“Let not the professed people of God think it a privilege to _____ from _____, that they may show their supposed efficiency. **THIS IS ENTIRELY OPPOSED TO GOD’S ORDER**. There is need of perfect unity and love, and this will appear when we learn of Jesus.” Ellen G. White, {16LtMs, Ms 97, 1901, par. 31}

It is his [Satan’s] **studied effort** to lead professed Christians just as far from heaven’s arrangement as he can; therefore he **deceives** even the **professed** people of God and makes them believe that **order** and **discipline** are **enemies to spirituality**; that the only safety for them is to let each **pursue his own course**, and to remain especially **distinct from bodies of Christians who are united** and are laboring to establish discipline and harmony of action. All the efforts made to establish this are considered dangerous, a **restriction of rightful liberty**, and hence are feared as **popery**. These deceived souls consider it a virtue to boast of their **freedom to think and act independently**. They will not take any man’s say so. They are **amenable to no man**. It was and now is Satan’s

special work to lead men to feel that it is God's order to strike out for themselves and choose their **own order independent of their brethren**.—Letter 32, 1892. — {Ev 318.2}

QUESTION 7 – FILL IN THE BLANK

We cannot allow what we _____ to be the driver of what
Prophecy _____. This is not a conditional prophecy.

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. — 2 Peter 1:16

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: — 2 Peter 1:19

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The abominations for which the faithful ones were **sighing and crying were all that could be discerned by finite eyes, but by far the worst sins**, those which provoked the jealousy of the pure and holy God, were **unrevealed**. The great Searcher of hearts knoweth **every sin** committed in **secret** by the **workers of iniquity**. These persons come to feel **secure** in their **deceptions** and, because of His long-suffering, say that the Lord seeth not, and then act as though He had forsaken the earth. **But He will detect their hypocrisy and will open before others those sins which they were so careful to hide.** {5T 211.3}

QUESTION 8 – FILL IN THE BLANK

When we focus on the church's _____, we
risk losing sight of the _____ within the
church and within our _____.

Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed. There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. **They had the light of truth, they knew their Master's will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works.** These who were so familiar with **prophecy** and the **treasures of divine wisdom** should have **acted their faith**. They should have commanded their households after them, that by a

well-ordered family they might present to the world the influence of the truth upon the human heart. {5T 213.2}

What does the Bible say about that?

I Matthew 7:21-23

WHAT DOES CRYING AND SIGHING LOOK LIKE:

“We **must wait patiently** and **not fail or be discouraged** for God has His **plans** all **arranged**. While we are **burdened** in **distress**, but **waiting in patient submission**, our **Invisible Helper will be doing the work we do not see**, and will **bring to pass in His providence, events which will either work reformatations or separate these halfhearted world-loving members from the believers**. If those in Jerusalem who feel deeply the abominations, who earnestly seek the Lord in prayer, not trying to expose the faults of their brethren to a godless world, not uniting *with* them in sin, but pleading with God weeping between the porch and the altar, *God* will take a hand friends and He will either convert those who unite with the world or else He will separate them from the believers and leave a pure, clean church” *The Story of our Health Message*, page 430.

The **earnest prayers** of this **faithful** few will not be in vain. {5T 210.1}

In the time when His wrath shall go forth in judgments, these **humble, devoted** followers of Christ will be distinguished from the rest of the world by their **soul anguish**, which is expressed in **lamentation** and **weeping, reproofs** and **warnings**. ... **They mourn** before God to see religion despised in the very homes of those who have had great light. They **lament** and **afflict** their **souls** because **pride, avarice, selfishness**, and **deception** of almost every kind are **in the church**. The Spirit of God, which prompts to reproof, is trampled underfoot, while the servants of Satan triumph. God is dishonored, the truth made of none effect. {5T 210.3}

QUESTION — 9 WHAT SHOULD BE THE ORDER OF GRIEVING OVER SINS?

The class who do not feel grieved over their

_____ nor **mourn over the**
_____, will be left without the seal of God. {5T 211.1}

Question 10 — FILL IN THE BLANK

SLIDE:

God has _____ to
_____, and to present their errors to a **world**
that is lying in wickedness, and to a **church** composed of many who are **weak in faith**.
The **Lord has not laid** the burden upon men to **revive** the **mistakes** and **errors** of the
living or the dead. He would have His laborers present the truth for this time. **Speak not
of the errors of your brethren who are living, and be silent as to the mistakes of
the dead.** {3SM 346.4}

CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE

Christ came into the world to bring **all** resistance and **authority** into **subjection** to
Himself, but **He did not** claim obedience through the **strength** of **argument** or the
voice of command; He went about **doing good** and **teaching His followers** the things
which belonged to their peace. **He stirred up no strife**, He resented no personal
injuries, but met with **meek submission** the **insults**, the **false accusations**, and the
cruel scourging of those who hated Him and condemned Him to death. **Christ is our
example**. His life is a **practical illustration** of His divine teachings. His character is a
living exhibition of the way to do good and overcome evil. {4T 138.4}

I Isaiah 58

My husband was hunted to death, and those who have acted their part faithfully for
Satan saw him in his coffin removed from the strife of tongues. He died of a broken
heart, and the Lord let him rest. I hold no grudge against any one. I felt to the very
depths of my soul over the treatment my husband received, and I have forgiven those
who have done this work. I pray the Lord to forgive them. I warn you not to do to
another as you have done to him. And when you begin your attacks upon one and then
another that do not agree with your ways and please your fancies, I am determined to
resist your influence and stand up for the oppressed. Will you send others to their death
by your persecuting tongues, your suspicions, your envies, your jealousies? Will you
cultivate the worst traits of character in indulging in censuring, backbiting, and
falsehood? Is this the element that you love, and will you choose this atmosphere which
is the poison of hell? What think you of Jesus? You may talk of his love, you may praise
and bless his name, you may adore him all you please; but cease your praise and your
flatteries of finite men, and also cease your wicked fault-finding, cease to murder
character. {PH155 20.1}