

Comparing

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Introduction

1. 2 Corinthians 10:12; Joshua 25:15
2. When comparing two things we must make sure they are equal
 - a. We do not compare apple and oranges
 - b. We do not compare broccoli and French Fries
3. We also must have a standard when comparing two things what makes one good and the other bad? We know what is expected to be able to judge correctly John 7:24
4. When given a choice most people would choose French fries over broccoli, but which is better for you?
 - a. 1/3 lbs stalk of broccoli has more vitamin C than 2 ½ lbs of oranges or 204 apples.
 - b. French fries are about ¼ of vegetables consumed. Yet they contain saturated fat
 - c. Broccoli is far better for us, French fries has their appeal in better taste and flavor
5. What is our point, which religion would most people choose, one that has a better appeal or is better for us?
6. Let us look at the choices before us and hopefully we will make the right choices

II Discussion

1. Ever since the beginning our senses have been the battle ground
 - a. Eve fought this battle Genesis 3:6 good, pleasant desired
 - b. We are fighting the same battle today 1 John 2:15-17
 - c. We must remember that the pleasures of sin are but for a season Hebrews 11:25
 - d. French Fries do have their appeal, but broccoli is the right choice!
2. The church is in this battle also
 - a. The true church loses the battle Matthew 7:13-14
 - b. But the biblical church has it rewards 2 Corinthians 4:18; 1 John 2:25
 - c. Yet many would rather have their senses tickled rather than have the truth 2 Timothy 4:2-4
 - d. French fries do have their appeal, but broccoli is the right choice!
3. Jesus is in this same battle
 - a. Some love the praises of men more than that of God John 12:42-43; John 6:66
 - b. Many want a religion that is convenient to them Acts 24:25
 - c. Jesus lost the popularity battle many followed Him just to eat John 6:26
 - d. Others have their appeal, but Jesus is the right choice John 5:39-44
4. Study also is in this battle
 - a. Bible study is something we all must do John 5:39; Acts 17:11 2 Timothy 2:15
 - b. Yet it is not popular even among many who claim to be Christians
 - c. Bible study is swimming up-stream, not to go with the flow crowd Hebrews 2:1
5. Christianity is in this same battle
 - a. All that live godly shall suffer persecution 2 Timothy 3:12
 - b. The battle marks are not easy to endure 2 Corinthians 11:24; Galatians 6:17
 - c. Yet the choice for which is better for us is still ever present French fries or broccoli?
6. This present world has a lot to offer
 - a. Some love this world more than anything else 2 Timothy 4:10; Matthew 16:25-26
 - b. You can not take any of this world's good with you into eternity Luke 12:20; 1 Timothy 6:7
 - c. Life is short James 4:14 Eternity is forever which will you choose?
7. Christianity does not set well with some

- a. Matthew 10:34-39
 - b. It will divide families
 - c. What do we love more French fries or broccoli? Matthew 10:37
8. Love is not always easy and palatable
- a. Many do not like to obey the commands John 14:15, 23
 - b. The love of Christ hems us in and does not allow us to do everything 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
 - c. Some do not like to be told what to do, but the Lord of us all has told us exactly what to do, some just want to do what they want, the like the French fries and they will eat them no matter what it does to their bodies!

III Conclusion

1. Let us move to be more Christ-like in this next year
2. Our diet needs to be correct as we begin this New Year
3. We have great opportunities place before us, let us make the right choices
4. Begin by obeying Christ right now
5. Begin by repenting of the wrongs and chose to serve God.

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