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A Parable: The Parallels

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Once upon a time a single girl gave birth to twin boys. Unable to support the boys, she gave them up for adoption. The boys were separated and adopted by two different families who were separated by many miles. The boys were raised by Christian parents in good loving homes. As the boys grew up they each **chose** a different path in life.

One boy **chose** to make a name for himself in the world of business. He was ambitious, smart and was willing to take short cuts to be successful and to rise to the top of his profession. He lied, cheated, and used people; as one wears clothes and throws them away when they are no longer beneficial to the wearer. His marriage to his childhood sweetheart was in shambles, as he went lusting after other women on his climb to success. As he was reaching his goals of success, alcohol began to control his life and drinking consumed his health and wealth. As he hit bottom, his past caught up with him and the crimes he committed on obtaining success landed him in prison. His wife filed for divorce, leaving him a broken man spiritually and physically. Shortly thereafter he died and went to Hell for he never received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

The other twin boy **chose** the world of business also. He accepted Jesus Christ during his teen years and God was always first in his life. He always sought God for direction through prayer. Guided by the Holy Spirit he graduated from college with top honors in his field. By always putting Christ first in his life, God blessed him with a business, a wife, family and many friends. Because he let the business world know where he stood with Jesus Christ, he lost many contracts and jobs. He would not take bribes or bend the rules. By standing firm on the foundation of Jesus Christ and putting God first in all his business ventures, he was always blessed by God. He and his wife lived to a ripe old age. They died and went to heaven.

During our physical life on this earth

If we choose God

We will

Live for Christ.

Love Christ.

Seek Christ.

Suffer for Christ.

Be blessed by Christ.

Live a long and

healthy life.

If we chose the devil--

We will

Live for the world.

Love our self only.

Live the way we want

with no restrictions.

Suffer from our sins.

Have no heavenly blessings.

Live by the rules of the world. Die

beaten and broken.

All die a physical death on earth and will have eternal life, but where?

Depends on which tree we eat the fruit of.

Tree of life gives-

Eternal life in heaven,

with love, peace, and joy.

Tree of knowledge gives-

Eternal life in hell,

with suffering and misery.

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