

A Life God can Bless

Joshua 23

- I. **Joshua's Review**: God has blessed you and wants to continue to bless you (23:1-5).
 - A. Kept Promises: Remember how God fought for you (1-3).
 - B. Future Promises: Depend on God to keep fighting for you (4, 5).
- II. **Joshua's Exhortation**: Live the kind of life God that God can bless (23:6-11)
 - A. Be Strong (6a).
 - B. Obey God's Word persistently (6b).
 - C. Be Separate (7-11).
 1. Avoid alliances with unbelievers who will lead you into idolatry (7).

Who's Influencing Who?

When I am with unbelieving friends...

- Heart Test: Am I *burdened* for them or am I *envious* of them?
- Identity Test: Do I *hide or minimize* my identity as a believer?
- Choice Test: Do I *do or say things* I wouldn't do or say otherwise?

- The Idolatry Issue today: Materialism and any other desire that has the power to repeatedly distract or tempt us is our idol.
2. The solution to wrong alliances and idolatry is to cling to God and love Him only (8-11).
- III. **Joshua's Warnings**: Remember what happens when we disobey (23:12-16).
 - A. God wouldn't give Israel victory over the nations if they allied themselves with them (12-13).
 - B. God has kept and will keep His promises, but He will also keep His warnings (14-16).