

## CHOOSING PATHS

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Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both, And be one traveler, long I stood, And looked down one as far as I could, To where it bent in the undergrowth; Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there, Had worn them really about the same, And both that morning equally lay. In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back. I shall be telling this with a sigh, Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, - I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

Two roads to choose from! Two paths to travel! One leads to life everlasting, one to eternal damnation. Which we travel will surely make all the difference.

How to choose paths? One clue is found in **Matthew 10:39**. Jesus told His disciples, “He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.” There is a mundane, lower, everyday life we can focus upon with our goals. There is also an eternal, higher, future life we can choose to focus upon as the object of our desires. Where we look when we look ahead is important. What we focus upon while traveling, we tend to hit.

Paul said he (his natural man) died, (or had to be killed) every day. If we are willing to deny our earthly desires to please an eternal lover, we can enjoy His presence now and forever. But the choice is made while we still walk the path, because the path controls the destination. I have heard it said, “Born once, die twice. Born twice, die once. But I say, die everyday.”