



**WHOSE LIFE IS IT?**

“Submit yourselves **then** to God...

(James 4:7)

“then” = in light of this severe choice,  
consequence, and “offer to help.”

a) CHOICE that is both simple and stark

b) CHOICE that will never be **altered**  
or **confused** by additional options.

c) **ASSISTANCE** is offered to everyone  
who chooses God instead of the world.

In light of this... considering this...  
The **expectation** is quite clear.

1. SUBMIT to God (*vs. 7*)



God's AUTHORITY... admit it and accept it!

God's PURPOSE... What he wishes  
to accomplish in or through MY life.

God's METHODS... acknowledging  
God's wisdom when it is **beyond**  
my **understanding**.

You are not your own. You were  
bought at a price (*1 Cor. 6:19*)

So whether we live or die, we belong  
to the Lord. (*Rom. 14:8*)

② DRAW NEAR to God. (vs. 8)

Deeper than acknowledgement  
or belief... love

Desire for understanding and fellowship  
between God and myself.

Willingness to abandon anything which **interferes** with my **relationship** with God.



These people come near to me with their mouths and honor me with their lips, but their HEARTS are far from me. Their worship is only rules taught by men... They diligently seek to hide their plans from the Lord; they work in darkness and say “who will see us? Who will know?”

*(Isaiah 29:13, 15)*

My sheep will follow me because  
they know my voice... (*Jn. 10:4*)