

If You are Not WITH Me

Matthew 12:30 (AMP) – *“He who is not with Me [definitely on My side] is against Me, and he who does not [definitely] gather with Me and for My side scatters.”*

We’re used to quoting this scripture verse of Jesus’ as, “He that is not for me is against me”. This paraphrase conveys the idea that those who are not ‘for’ Jesus are automatically opposing him. This produces the following logic in our mind, “I am a Christian, therefore I must be for Jesus. That’s implicit in being a Christian”.

What Jesus was saying is those who are not WITH him – are not working with him, are not doing his will – are automatically working against him. This is different all together.

To put it succinctly, if we are not in the Lord’s will, then we are working against him. That’s pretty harsh, but it’s the reality of the spiritual realm and therefore the Kingdom. If we are not doing Father’s will on Earth as he wants it to be done, we are working against him. Even though we have a will which God does not override, every decision we make that is not in line with Father’s will is counter-productive. Every time we disobey the Spirit’s lead we are working against Father’s plans.

This is confirmed by the 2nd half of the verse which gives an example of ‘against’ in action – “Whoever does not gather with me scatters” (NET). When Jesus is doing one thing and wants us to join in with what he’s doing and we don’t join him, our actions do not line up with his. When we don’t line up with the Lord, we are operating against his plans by default.

The intent of what Jesus was saying is quite clear – work with him by doing what the Spirit tells you to do because anything else is opposing him and that’s not what’s meant to happen in the Kingdom.

So, even though Father allows us to use our free will as his children, there are ramifications in his plans if we don’t follow them.

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