

...are you a Matthew Christian? Are you a Mark Christian, or are you a Matthew Christian? Let's not be either, let'd take the whole Bible. Let's be Luke Christians.

Matthew gives one part of the truth, Mark gives another part of the truth.

If you have to choose between the two , I say stand on Matthew. Matthew is the fuller gospel. Matthew puts the stress on the most vital point. Sometimes I meet people who are so interested in worldly adornment and in attracting the people of this world, that they have no interest in the things of the Lord. Other times I meet people who are so convinced of the harm of putting worldly --material--things first that they refuse to even wear buttons on their clothes. Sometimes I meet fine Christian people who insist on going about looking like scarecrows, thinking they honor the Lord in looking that way. I think they're wrong, I believe there's a middle place. If I have to choose between them I certainly will choose the extremists, rather than --way ahead of the person who puts other things ahead of lbyalty to Christ, but I think that on all these matters there is a proper place that the Lord wants us to take.

Now in Luke we find in the gospel of Luke has the emphasis of Matthew and it has the emphasis of Mark. Luke 11:23 says very plainly, he that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. And we must stand upon this. We must take Paul's great statements about separation. It is never ~~to~~ right to do wrong in order to get a chance to do right. We must refuse to let our influence or our support be used in building up any work that will deny the truth of the Scripture and will tear down people's faith in ~~Christ~~ Christ instead of increasing it. Luke gives the other side of the picture too. In Luke 9:50 Luke says, <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us. If we take the gospel of Luke, or if we take Matthew and Mark together, or if we take the whole Scripture, we find that both statements are given and both are true if interpreted aright. He that stands for the Word of God is my brother. He that is saved through Christ is a fellow-Christian. I must love him in