

For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. Deuteronomy 30:16

The book of Deuteronomy is the record of three major speeches that Moses gave to the people of Israel before they are to enter the promise land. In the first address Moses shares the "Acts of God" as it concerns Israel being the chosen people and how God protected them. The second address concerns the "Law of God" and how the people are to live. Deuteronomy 30:16 is a part of the third address from Moses and it concerns the "Covenant of God." Moses is encouraging his people to accept the covenant that God has given to them.

Basically, Moses is saying that you have a choice. You can either decide to make a commitment to follow God, or you can choose to turn away from God and not listen to His word. When you choose a relationship with God, then you have chosen life. When you choose to follow anything but God, you have chosen death.

I don't believe that most people today would think about entering into a relationship with God and following His commands as a life-or-death choice. In fact, I think most people would say that you need to live a good life and do good things. The truth is that you can be an advocate for a great cause, and if you are not a follower of God, you have chosen death. When you follow God and obey His commands, you will be blessed. That does not mean that you will be financially blessed, but it means that God has provided you with peace and joy through your faith that will last an eternity.

Read Deuteronomy 30:15-20.