

## **“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

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If you have ever been exposed a jury you know that they sit around listening to two sides present their arguments for why someone should believe them. Each side will put on physical evidence and impassioned pleas to get you to trust them. When the trial is over, it is up to the jury to decide who was the most believable.

There are many ways to describe our spiritual lives; but, in an interesting twist, one is in the form of a jury trial. Materialism and humanism try to convince us that it's better for us to live in the here and now while God tells us that there is something better in the future. In the end, it's up to us to decide what we choose. The decision isn't guilt or innocence, the decision we must reach is summed up by Jesus who said, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and *riches*." (Matthew 6:24) In other words, the evidence is in, the choice is ours.

Think about it! For the Madison Avenue Church of Christ; this is Charlie Wharton.