



SOMETHING TO DIE FOR

Acts 6:15 (NLT) “At this point everyone in the council stared at Stephen because his face became as bright as an angel’s.”

I. _____ or _____, Choose Your Strategy.

Acts 7:1-2a. (NLT) “Then the high priest asked Stephen, ‘Are these accusations true?’ [2] This was Stephen’s reply: ‘Brothers and honorable fathers, listen to me. Our glorious God appeared to our ancestor Abraham...’”

II. _____ or _____, Choose One.

Acts 7:51-53 (NLT) “You stubborn people! You are heathen at heart and deaf to the truth. Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit? But your ancestors did, and so do you! [52] Name one prophet your ancestors didn’t persecute! They even killed the ones who predicted the coming of the Righteous One—the Messiah whom you betrayed and murdered. [53] You deliberately disobeyed God’s law, though you received it from the hands of angels.”

Exodus 28:36-38 (NLT) “Next make a medallion of pure gold. Using the techniques of an engraver, inscribe it with these words: Set Apart as Holy to the Lord. [37] This medallion will be attached to the front of Aaron’s turban by means of a blue cord. [38] Aaron will wear it on his forehead, thus bearing the guilt connected with any errors regarding the sacred offerings of the people of Israel. He must always wear it so the Lord will accept the people.”

III. _____ or _____, Choose Your View.

Acts 7:54-60 (NLT) “The Jewish leaders were infuriated by Stephen’s accusation, and they shook their fists in rage. [55] But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily upward into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God’s right hand. [56] And he told them, ‘Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God’s right hand!’”

Hebrews 12:2a. (NIV) “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...”

Colossians 3:2 (MSG) “Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is. See things from his perspective.”

IV. _____, _____ or _____, Choose Your Role.

Acts 7:57-8:1a. (NLT) “Then they put their hands over their ears, and drowning out his voice with their shouts, they rushed at him. [58] They dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. The official witnesses took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul. [59] And as they stoned him, Stephen prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ [60] And he fell to his knees, shouting, ‘Lord, don’t charge them with this sin!’” And with that, he died.”
[8:1] “Saul was one of the official witnesses at the killing of Stephen”.

