

## Matthew 18:8-9

*If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.*

I remember over 35 years ago when I first became a Christian. I was reading my bible nonstop and I came across this passage of scripture. When I read it, I thought that Jesus was saying that you literally had to cut your hands or feet off, or pluck your eye out. But I think we all know that even if we cut both our hands and feet off and plucked out both of our eyes, we would still find ways to sin.

But for many it may not be a manner of cutting your hands or feet off, but rather cutting off certain relationships that you know are sinful. Maybe you live with a guy or a girl outside of marriage or you are in a same sex relationship. Jesus says to cut it off because: *it is better for you to enter into life single, rather than living with someone outside of marriage, to be cast into hell fire.*

Maybe that's not you, but you are still living a lifestyle that is not godly. By living that way, you are putting that thing or person before God, which is saying that it or that person(s) are more important to you than being with Jesus and is worth going to hell for.

This devotional is very short, but the results will affect your life for a long, long time *into life or to be cast into hell fire*, even into eternity.

*If \_\_\_\_\_ causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life \_\_\_\_\_, rather than having \_\_\_\_\_, to be cast into the everlasting fire.* You fill in the blanks.