

*There is more evidence in the Word of God supporting the casting of lots than the raising of hands*

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The human nature of fallen man is to desire some measure of control or to have a vote in determining the matters which involve them. However, throughout the Word, God establishes authority and chooses whom He will to lead us in life. Scriptures show that any time God connects more than any one person to a single endeavor, He always chooses someone to be in charge. This holds true for the family, for the slave and his master, for the marriage, the government, and the church. Truth and God's will are seldom, if ever, determined by a show of hands. It seems that every time the children of Israel picked their own leaders or determined their own way, it ended in disaster. Perhaps this is why God set up the system of casting lots, which is little more than a role of the dice, after much prayer and consecration of our lives to God. Without a clear word from God, the next best thing, in many instances, would be to trust in a fleece more than the popular vote. We do not forsake the encouragement of godly counselors, but only one can lead and His name is Jesus. Put him in your driver's seat.

*Prayer for Today*

Dear Father, show me Your way and guide my life by Your Holy Spirit. I trust in You more than the multitudes. Grant me counselors of Your choosing and guide my life by divine intervention.

*Scriptures for Today*

Judges 6:40 And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground. (NKJV)

Acts 1:26 And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles. (NKJV)

Joshua 18:10 Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions. (NKJV)

Jonah 1:7 And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. (NKJV)