

## **Choose Your Side. I Choose My Hood!**

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Have you ever wondered what life means to you.

Well, to me life is a situation you have to choose,

Which one you want, the bad or the good.

But don't take the bad just because you're from the hood.

The shooting, fighting and killing is enough,

If you haven't noticed, that's not what's up!

Little kids smoking, selling weed and crack .

Before they get a real chance to put a book bag on their back.

Being street smart and book smart...what does that mean?

To me it means if we join each other we can be a great team.

I know you heard life like burger king, "you can have it your way."

You have to work hard to have it your way.

Yes, Life is a struggle, it puts you threw things.

From every struggle you go through, you'll always reach your dream!