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• 1 Kings 3:5 (NKJV) (5) ...the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

• Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV) (12) There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.


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- **Matthew 7:13-14 (NKJV)** (13) "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. (14) Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."
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God Gives Us The Gift Of Choice

• Choice Is A Wonderful Gift

• A Precious Gift From Our Creator
Life Is Full Of Choices:

- **Choices Determine Outcome In Life**

- Galatians 6:7-9 (NKJV) (7) Do not be deceived. God is not mocked: for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (8) For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. (9) And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
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• **Our Choices Determine How Many Things Turn Out For Us**

• **The Decision to Follow After God is Our Most Important Decision**
The Choices We Make Today Have An Impact On Decisions We Make Tomorrow

- Good Choices Lead To Success
- Bad Choices Lead To Great Difficulty
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**Choices Carry Responsibility**

• **You Have To Live With Your Choices**

• **Don’t Blame Someone Else For The Choices That You Have Made**

• *(Romans 14:12 NIV)* …each of us will give an account of himself to God.
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- Our Life Philosophy Is Expressed In The Choices We Make
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1. **The Most Attractive Choices Lead To Me To The Most Unattractive Results**

   - **Sin Is Seductive** It Offers A Quick Route To Success
   - **Sin Can Never Deliver On It’s Enticing Promises**
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If I Follow The Easy Path, Eventually, My Desire Will Become My Master.

• Even Sin That Is Appealing Is Deadly
2. Right Choices Are Not Always Easy To Make

- A Decision To Follow Jesus Costs Something

- A Decision To Follow Jesus Is Worth Something

- I Must Leave Behind Those Things Which Would Keep Me From Following Jesus.
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3. Most Choices Have Long-Term Effects

• Every Choice Sets Into Effect The Law Of Sowing And Reaping

• The Course A Decision Sets Into Effect Can Be Life Long

• Living Right Through Right Choices Is Like Posting A Guard On My Life.
HOW TO MAKE RIGHT CHOICES

Right Choices -- & The Account Of Daniel

It Doesn’t Matter What The Enemy Says You Are -- You Need To Live Up To Who God Says You Are

Daniel 1:8 (NIV) (8) But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

• RESOLVED="to determine, to fix, to purpose; devoted to principle; committed to a course of action."
HOW TO MAKE RIGHT CHOICES

Daniel: I Am Not Going To Bend Or Bow -- I Am Not Going To Let The Kings And Kingdoms Of This World Set My Agenda

If The Crowd Is Going The Wrong Way We Won’t Go Along With Them

We Want To Be Like Daniel – Because We Are Who And What God Says We Are.
HOW TO MAKE RIGHT CHOICES

Why Did God Choose Daniel To Speak And Minister Thru?

• His Separated Life

• His All-Consuming Conviction Of Truth
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Five Questions About Our Life-Choices:

- Will This Pollute Or Damage My Body -- God's Temple?
- Will This Hurt My Reputation?
- Could This Control Me?
- Will This Hurt People I Influence?
- Will This Discredit Jesus?
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May God Grant To Us A Will That Is Firmly Set To Choose And Do His Will

• The Lord Will Take Care Of Us When We Put Him First In Our Lives

• Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) (33) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
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There Was A Special Portion Of God’s Favor On Daniel

• Daniel's Ways Pleased The Lord.

• Daniel Had A Priority In Life -- God First

• We Adopt The Same Priority When We Put Christ First
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• When we dare to be a Daniel in a world full of compromise, we will discover the power of personal holiness. - K. HUGHES

• We Will Discover The Life-long Protection And Provision Of God’s Marvelous Favor!