Choices, Decisions, Opportunities

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(Eph 5:15-17 NIV) Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, (16) making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (17) Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.
God Gives Us The Gift Of Making Choices in Life

- *Choice Is A Wonderful Gift*
- *A Precious Gift From Our Creator*
Life Is Full Of Choices:

1. The Most Attractive Choices Lead To Me To The Most Unattractive Results

2. Right Choices Are Not Always Easy To Make.


**Choices In Life Determine Outcome In Life**

- *Proverbs 14:8 (NIV)* The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.
• **Gal 6:7-9 (NIV)** Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (8) The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. (9) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
• **Our Choices Determine How Most Things Turn Out For Us**

• **The Decision To Follow After God And His Will Is Our Most Important Decision**
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• Choices Today Have An Impact On Our Decisions Tomorrow

• Good Choices Lead To Success

• Bad Choices Lead To Great Difficulty
Choices Carry Responsibility

• You Have To Live With Your Choices

• Don’t Blame Someone Else For The Choices You’ve Made

• Romans 14:12 (NIV) “...each of us will give an account of himself to God.”
I Must Get The Right Information To Make Good Choices

Five Biblical Steps We Should Consider

1. Does it Violate Clear Teachings of The Bible?
2. Does it Cause My Brother to Stumble?
3. Does it Violate My Body as The Temple?
4. Does it Violate the Expressed Will of Your Spiritual Boss?
5. Does it Glorify God -- Can God Bless it?
I Must Pray About It – Wisdom Is Available For All Who Ask

I Must Be Willing To Hear Both Sides Of The Story Before Making a Decision
I Must Think It Through

- Being Patient
- Learning From Past Decisions
- Ask - Do I Have An Uneasy Conscience About It?
- Ask - W.W.J.D.?
- Ask - Is My Motive Pure?
- Ask - Can I Live With The Consequences?
• **Of All Creation, Only Man Can Say Yes Or No To God**

• **Making decisions is simple:**
  • *get the facts;*
  • *seek God's guidance;*
  • *form a judgment;*
  • *act on it;*
  • *worry no more.*  Charles E. Bennett
Of 1.8 Million Life Choices, One Stands Out: How Will You Respond To Jesus?

- Confess Him Or Deny Him?
- Trust Him As Lord Or Turn From Him?
- Accept Him Or Reject Him?

You Must Decide --
- There Is No Other Way!