

DECISIONS DETERMINE DESTINY

FAITH MAKES CHOICES

Hebrews 11:24-26

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²⁴ By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the ^[a]passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ esteeming the ^[b]reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures ^[c]in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

Daniel 1:8

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But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore, he requested the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Deuteronomy 30:19

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I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before your life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

Ezra 7:10

For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, to practice it, and to teach its statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Proverbs 18:21

Life and death are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Luke 10:42

But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Hebrews 11:25

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

THE CHOICES YOU MAKE WILL AFFECT YOUR LIFE AND DESTINY MORE THAN THE PRAYERS YOU PRAY.

DECISIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES.

NEVER LEARN BY EXPERIENCE WHAT YOU COULD HAVE LEARNT FROM EXPERIENCE.

WHERE YOU ARE PRESENTLY IN LIFE IS THE SUM TOTAL OF ALL THE DECISIONS YOU
HAVE MADE

YOUR TOMORROW WILL NOT BE ANY DIFFERENT FROM YOUR TODAY UNLESS YOU SIT
DOWN AND CHANGE SOME THINGS.

YOUR DECISION CAN TURN THINGS AROUND.

IT TAKES GOOD DECISIONS TO CORRECT THE MISTAKES OF WRONG DECISIONS. THE
PRODIGAL SON HAD TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS TO COUNTER THE EFFECT OF HIS BAD
DECISIONS

FACTORS THAT SPONSOR WRONG DECISION MAKING.

1 John 2:15-17

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¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

- The lust of the flesh

- The lust of the eyes
- The pride of life
- Impatience
- Short cuts
- Being in the dark. The absence of light.

FACTORS THAT WILL SAFEGUARD AGAINST WRONG DECISIONS

1. Wisdom is profitable to direct (Ecclesiastes 10:10)
2. Thoroughly consider the consequence of every decision
3. Surround yourself with people who have a track record of good decision making.
4. Don't make any major decision under pressure
5. Make sure your emotions are in check.
6. Investigate, investigate, investigate
7. Walk not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

- I choose peace over worries.
- I choose joy over despair
- I choose gratitude instead of complaining
- I choose forgiveness rather than retribution
- I choose light rather than darkness
- I choose to please God rather than man
- I choose the fear of God over the pleasures of life
- I choose the presence of The Lord rather than the company of kings and nobles.
- I choose long term benefits over immediate short-term gratifications
- I choose the pain of discipline over the pain of regret.
- I choose to walk by faith rather than walk by sight
- I choose to sow to my spirit instead of investing in my flesh
- I choose the way of truth, I choose the way of The Lord
- I choose to obey the voice of The Lord rather than to offer the sacrifice of a fool.
- I choose the way of obedience because my joy comes from obeying my God
- I choose simplicity, humility, and to trust God. I choose self-control.
- I choose self-control and refuse to be ruled by my anger, lust, or my emotions. I beat my body and I bring it under subjection to the obedience of Christ.

- I refuse to be ruled by situations and circumstances.
- I choose to lead by the Spirit of God
- Today, I choose to be positive. I quench every negative thought and shut the door to negativity
- I choose to starve my distractions and feed my focus

- I refuse to be conformed unto the world.

PRAYER POINTS

1. I repent for all the wrong decisions of the past. O Lord show me mercy.
2. Lord! Deliver me from any form of irrational thinking, cognitive biases, and mind programming that affects my ability to make wise decisions.
3. Sharpen my discernment.
4. I engage The Holy Spirit as my chief counselor for right decision making.
5. Any spirit or altar manipulating my ability to make right decisions, be destroyed, in Jesus name.
6. Any inherited patterns, and tendencies that negatively impact my ability for right decision, be destroyed.
7. Deliver me from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, that sponsor wrong decision making in my life.
8. Help me to breakoff from wrong habits that negatively impact my life.