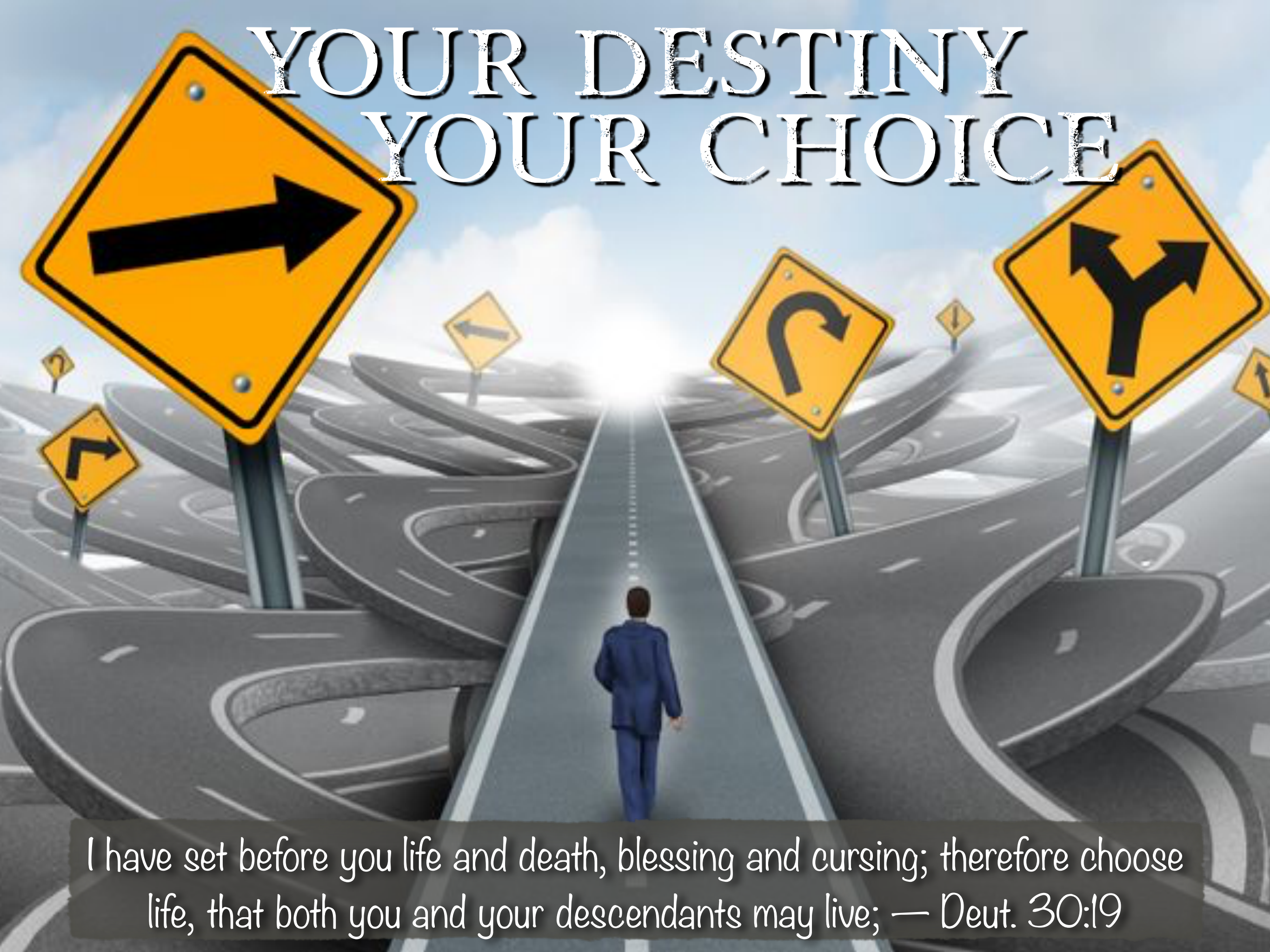


# YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE



I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; — Deut. 30:19



## Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, <sup>16</sup> in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.



## Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.



## Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; <sup>20</sup> that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”



## Joshua 24:14-15 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> “Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt.

Serve the Lord! <sup>15</sup> And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”



# 1 Kings 18:20-21 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.



## Matthew 7:13-14 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> "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. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.



## Romans 6:16-19 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.



## Romans 6:16-19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.



# YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE

Many choices have far reaching and eternal consequences . . .

We are free to choose - but we are not free not to choose . . .

We are not free to choose the consequences of our choices . . .



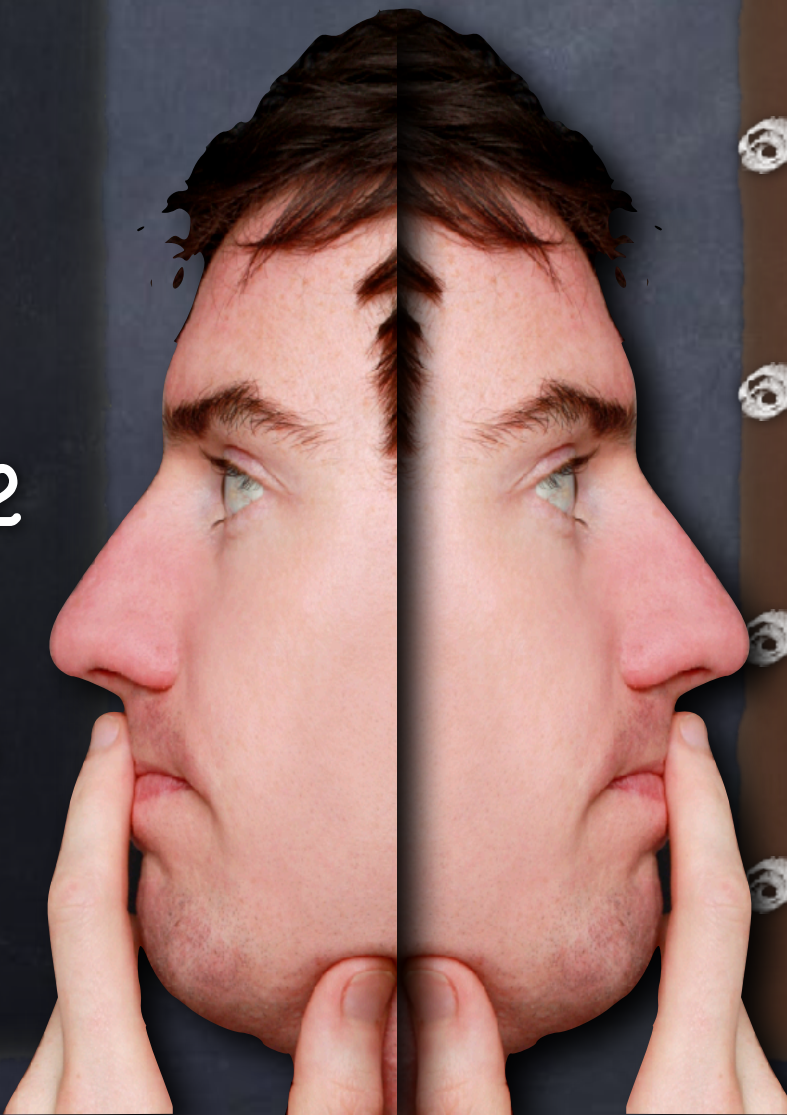


# YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE

There Are But Two Ways

WAY of LIFE OR WAY of DEATH

- Jesus / The truth – John 14:6; 8:32
- The Gospel – Gal. 1:6–9; Rom 1:16
- True Doctrine – 2 John 9; Acts 2:42
- The one body – Acts 2:47; Eph. 4:5
- The Standard – 2 Tim. 3:16; 4:2



- Any other way – Acts 4:12
- Any other so-called gospel – Gal. 1:6–9
- Any other doctrine – Mat. 15:7–9; 21:23–27
- Any other body – 1 Cor. 1:10–12
- Any other Standard He 13:9; 1 Tim 3:3–5



# YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE

There Are But Two Responses

FAITH / Obedience OR Unbelief / Rebellion

- Believe in Christ – Jn 3:36; Rom 10:9,10
- Obey the gospel – Rom. 10:16;
- Act with Divine authority – Col. 3:17; Mat. 21:25.
- Put The Lord first in our lives – Mat. 6:33



- Unbelief in Jesus – John 3:18,36; 8:42
- Do not obey the gospel – 2 Thes 1:7-9; 1 Pet. 4:17
- Act without divine authority – Lev 10:1,2; 2 Jn 9
- Failure to put the Lord first – Mat 6:29-24



# YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE

There is a choice you have to make,  
In everything you do.  
And you must always keep in mind,  
The choice you make makes you.

In the little booklet, Bits and Pieces,





GOAL

Is This Choice

Essential?

Beneficial?

Of no consequence?

Going to hinder?

Going to Prevent?





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What Drives Our Decisions?

Temporal Things -

Human Wisdom -

Tradition / History -

Feelings / Emotions -

God's Word - The Truth

Rom 12:1-3; 2 Tim 3:16,17





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## What Drives Our Decisions?

Our Decision To Follow God (or Not)  
Affects EVERY Other Decision We  
Make – Mat. 6:33; Mark 12:29–31;  
Col. 1:9–11; Prov. 1:7

Wise Decision Making Is In Direct  
Correlation To The Degree In Which  
We Respect, Love, & Trust God &  
Understand His Revealed Will.



# YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE

## Making Wise Decisions

Hebrews 5:12-14 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup> For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. <sup>14</sup> But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.





# YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE

## Making Wise Decisions

- Requires Respect — Prov 1:7
- Requires Knowledge — 2 Tim 3:16,17; Heb 5:12-14; 2 Pet 3:18
- Requires Purpose — Dan. 1:8
- Requires Faith — Rom 10:17; Heb 11:6; James 1:5,6
- Requires Preparation — James 4:7,8; Mat 25:1-13
- Requires diligence — 2 Pet 1:5-10; Mat. 25:14-30; Eph 5:15





# YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE

## Making Wise Decisions

- My Friends? – 1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 1:10–19; 13:20; 14:26
- My Spouse? – Mat. 19:3–9
- Live & Work? (Spiritual support? – Hours? Travel? People? Stability? Money?) – Gen. 13:5–11; 2 Cor. 6:14–18
- My Time? — (Prayer? – Watchful? – Activities? – People? – Worship? – Study?) Eph 5:15–19; Heb 10:24,25; Act 17:11,12



# YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE

## GOAL

True Joy, Happiness, Peace, Eternal Life

**Result**

Extends To Everyday  
Decision Making

**Walk**

Understanding Biblical  
Principles

**Growth**

Choosing To Follow God

**Initial  
Choice**





# YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE



**“Choose This Day Whom  
You Will Serve”**

**Mat. 16:24-27; 11:28-30; John 8:24;  
Acts 2:38; 24:24,25; 26:28; 2 Thes. 1:7-9**



# YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE

*You are free to choose —*

But you are not free not to choose!  
Nor are you free to choose the  
consequences of your choice!







# YOUR DESTINY



## YOUR CHOICE

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