

Decisions

Determine

Destiny



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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,

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Our lives are made of choices – Some have little to no bearing on our destiny – (color of suit / dress, color of shoes, which restaurant for lunch, Mac or PC, Verizon or AT&T, etc. . . .)

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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 . . .

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Things that Should
NOT Govern Our
Decision Making -

Temporal Things -

Human Wisdom -

Tradition -

Feelings -

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1 Kings 18:21 (NKJV)

²¹ 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.

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Joshua 24:14-15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ "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! ¹⁵ 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."

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Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NKJV)

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them,

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Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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;

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Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NKJV)

²⁰ 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."

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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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There Are But Two Ways

The Right Way OR The Wrong Way

◆ **The way to life -**

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 gospel -**

Gal. 1:6-9

◆ **Any other doctrine -**

Mat. 15:7-9

◆ **Any other body -**

1 Cor. 1:10-12

◆ **Any other Standard**

- Heb 13:9

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There Are But Two Attitudes

Godly Attitude OR Ungodly Attitude

Matthew 5:3-10 (NKJV)

- ³ "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.
- ⁷ Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.
- ⁹ Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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◆ **Humble –**

Philippians 2:3-4 (NKJV)

³ Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

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◆ **Humble –**

◆ **Penitent –**

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading to* salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

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◆ **Humble –**

◆ **Penitent –**

◆ **Submissive –**

James 4:7-8 (NKJV)

⁷Therefore submit to God.
Resist the devil and he will flee
from you. ⁸Draw near to God
and He will draw near to you.

Cleanse *your* hands, *you*
sinners; and purify *your* hearts,
you double-minded.

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- ◆ **Penitent –**
- ◆ **Submissive –**
- ◆ **Seekers of Truth –**

Psalms 63:1 (NKJV)

¹ A Psalm of David when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, You *are* my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

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◆ Submissive –

◆ Seekers of Truth –

◆ Loving –

Colossians 3:12-14 (NKJV)

¹²Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

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- ◆ **Peaceable –**

James 3:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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- ◆ Loving –
- ◆ Sincere –
- ◆ Peaceable –
- ◆ Patience –

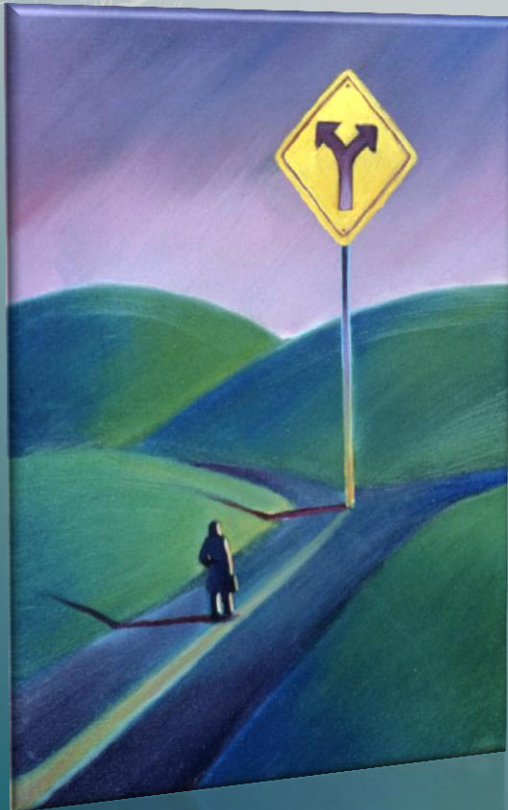
Colossians 1:10-11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

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There Are But Two Responses

Obedience OR Rebellion



- ◆ **Obedience to the gospel** – Rom. 10:16; 2 Thes 1:7-9; 1 Pet. 4:17
- ◆ **Acting with Divine authority** – Col. 3:17; Mat. 21:25; 1 Chron. 15:13
- ◆ **Putting The Lord first in our lives** – worshipping, giving; serving; working; - Mat. 6:33

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Which Way Will You Choose?

Which Attitude Will You Choose?

Which Actions Will You Choose?

You are free to choose –



But you are not free not to choose!

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