

Walking in WISDOM

Making Wise Decisions



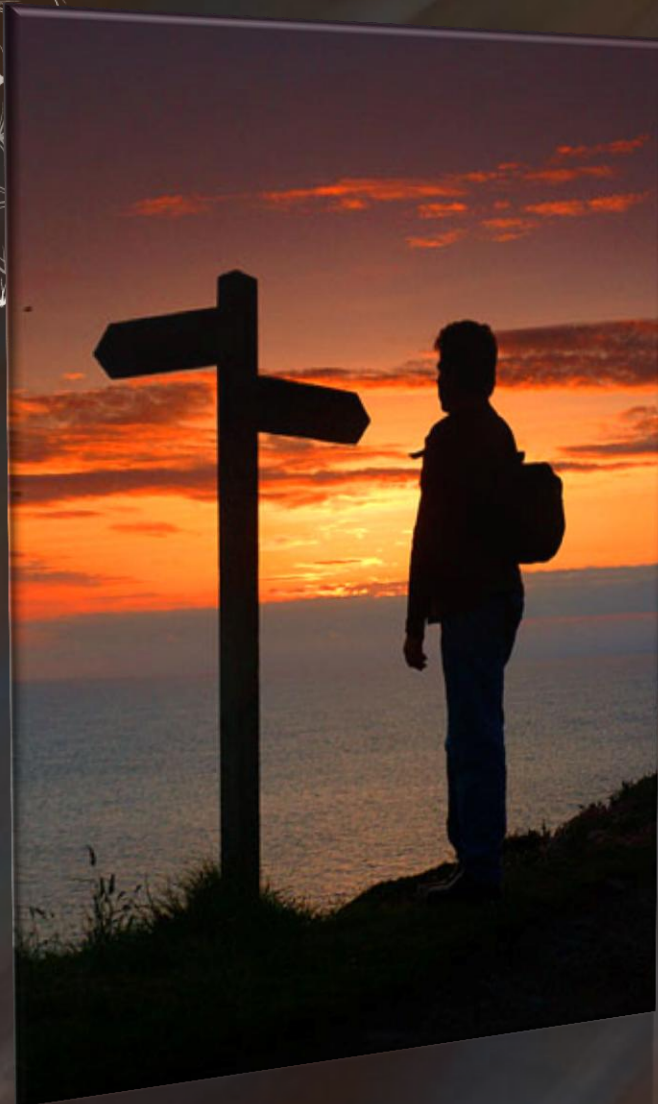
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There is a choice you
have to make,
In everything you do.
And you must always
keep in mind,
The choice you make
makes you.

In the little booklet, Bits and Pieces,

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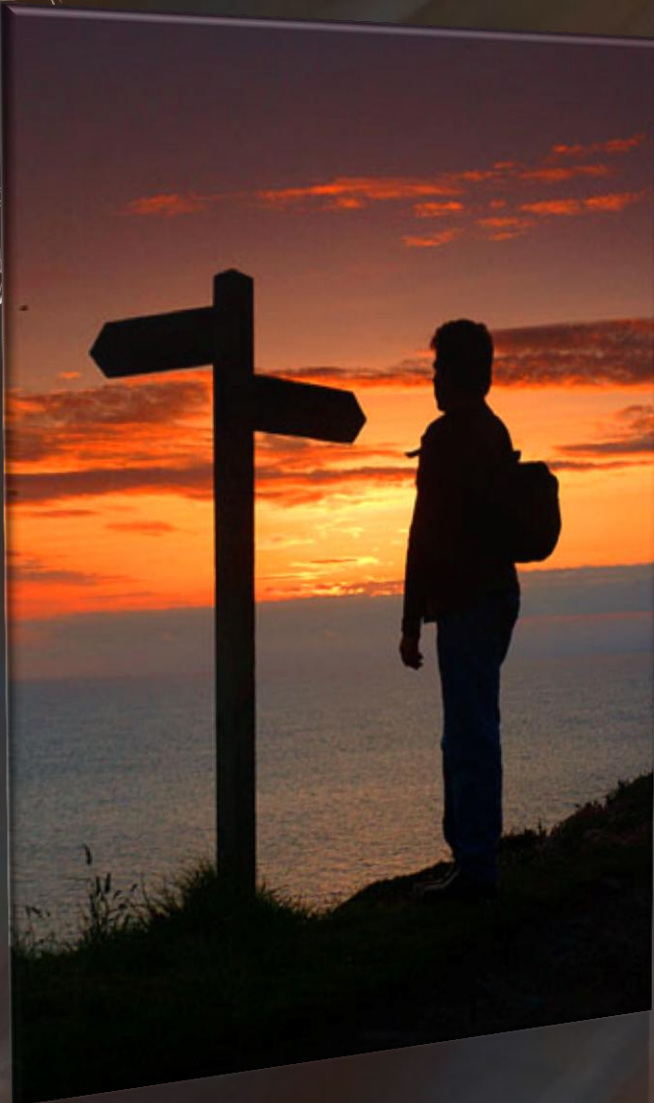


Decisions Determine Destiny

We MUST Choose:

- ♦ The right way – or the wrong way –
- ♦ A Godly Attitude or an Ungodly attitude –
- ♦ Obedience or Rebellion.

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Things Needed

We MUST Choose:

- ◆ Requires Purpose
- ◆ Requires Respect
- ◆ Requires Knowledge
- ◆ Requires Faith
- ◆ Requires Preparation

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Establishing Priorities

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- ◆ Our Decision To Follow God (or Not) Effects 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.

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Proverbs 4:5-13 (NKJV)

⁵ Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. ⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. ⁷ Wisdom is the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.



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⁸ Exalt her, and she will promote you;
She will bring you honor, when you
embrace her. ⁹ She will place on your
head an ornament of grace; A crown
of glory she will deliver to you." ¹⁰

Hear, my son, and receive my
sayings, And the years of your life will
be many.



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¹¹ I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. ¹² When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble. ¹³ Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she *is* your life.



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Proverbs 4:18-19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ But the path of the just *is* like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. ¹⁹ The way of the wicked *is* like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble.



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Will I Commit Sin?



Sin Is
Avoidable –
1 Cor. 10:13

- ♦ **Adam & Eve** – Genesis 3:1-13; Romans 5:12
- ♦ **Cain & Abel** – Genesis 4:1-10; Hebrews 11:4
- ♦ **Joseph** – Genesis 39:7-12
- ♦ **Moses** – Numbers 20:7-12; Hebrews 11:23-27
- ♦ **David** – 2 Samuel 11:1-12:14; 1 Chronicles 13:1-12; 15:1-13
- ♦ **Jesus** – Mat. 4:1-11; Heb. 4:15

How To Make Godly Decisions

Some Important Decisions

Who Will Be:



◆ **My Role Model? –**

! Some actor, musician, athlete, author, teacher, . . .

! Jesus? - 1 Pet. 2:21; 1 Cor. 11:1; Mat. 16:24-27

◆ **My Friends? –** 1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 1:10-19; 13:20; 14:26

◆ **My Spouse? –** Mat. 19:3-9

How To Make Godly Decisions

Some Important Decisions

Where Will I:

◆ Go to school?

- ❓ Known for its Godless teachers & Students –
- ❓ Some offer more encouragement, while others offer more temptation.

◆ Live & Work?

- ❓ Spiritual support? - Gen. 13:5-11
- ❓ Hours? Travel? People? Stability? Money? - 2 Cor. 6:14-18



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True Joy, Happiness,
Peace, Eternal Life

Result

Extends To Everyday
Decision Making

Walk

Understanding
Biblical Principles

Growth

Choosing To
Follow God

**Initial
Choice**

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Proverbs 1:22-33 (NKJV)

²² "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorers delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.

²³ Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴ Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

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²⁵ Because you disdained all my counsel,
And would have none of my rebuke, ²⁶ I
also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock
when your terror comes, ²⁷ When your
terror comes like a storm, And your
destruction comes like a whirlwind, When
distress and anguish come upon you.
²⁸ "Then they will call on me, . . .

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... but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. ²⁹ Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD, ³⁰ They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke. ³¹ Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

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Proverbs 1:22-33 (NKJV)

³² For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them; ³³ But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."

**Don't Delay
Making Wise
Decisions
“Choose This
Day Whom You
Will Serve”**



**We have all made
bad decisions!
Some Decisions
Will Follow Us
Throughout Our
Time On Earth**



Decisions Determine Destiny



What About Eternity?

Mat. 16:24-27; 11:28-30; John

8:24; Acts 2:38; 2 Thes. 1:7-9

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