Choose Your Future

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You can't CHANGE your Past but you can <u>CHOOSE</u> your Future.

4 Steps to Choosing Your Future.

1. Choose your PATH.

Ecclesiastes 10 (NLT)

² A wise person chooses the right road;a fool takes the wrong one.

Your choices take you <u>PLACES</u>. Good choices take you <u>GOOD</u> places, and bad choices take you <u>BAD</u> places.

Proverbs 4 (NLT)

²⁵ Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. ²⁶ Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. ²⁷ Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

Your **DIRECTION** determines your **DESTINATION**.

Are you on the RIGHT PATH?			
Faith	Marriage		
Health	Family		
Time	Friends		
Money	Career		
Morality	Ministry		

Q: What do you do if you're on the wrong path?

> You <u>TURN</u> around.

Jeremiah 25 (NLT)

⁵ Turn from the evil road you are traveling and from the evil things you are doing.

> You <u>ASK</u> God for help.

Psalm 25 (NLT)

⁴ Show me the right path O Lord; point out the road for me to follow.

2. Choose your <u>GUIDE</u>.

Psalm 32 (NLT)

⁸ The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life."

Q: What do you do when you don't know what to do?

Psalm 119 (NLT)

¹³³ Guide my steps by your word,so I will not be overcome by evil.

Proverbs 3 (NLT)

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his way in all your do, and he will show you which path to take.

Wisdom isn't a about WHAT you know it's about <u>WHO</u> you know.

3. Choose your FRIENDS.

Ecclesiastes 4 (NLT)

⁹ Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. ¹⁰ If one person falls, the other one can reach out and help.

Proverbs 27 (CEV)

¹⁷ As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

Proverbs 13 (NKJV)

²⁰ He who walks with wise men will be wise,but the companion of fools will be destroyed.

The friends you <u>KEEP</u> determine the choices you <u>MAKE</u>.

4. Choose your ENDING.

Galatians 6 (NLT)

⁷ Don't be misled - you cannot mock the justice of God.You will always harvest what you plant.

You can choose your CHOICES - but you can't choose your <u>CONSEQUENCES</u>.

Deuteronomy 30 (NLT)

¹⁹ Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses... *Oh that you would choose life*, so that you and your descendants might live!

The CHOICES you make will determine the <u>STORY</u> you tell.

Phillipians 3 (NLT)

¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: *Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead*, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Q: Where do you need to <u>PRESS ON</u>?

Questions.

- **Q:** Where do you usually turn for advice when you don't know what to do next?
- **Q:** Where do you need wisdom right now?

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- **Q:** What do you need to **STOP** doing in order to reach your goals?
- **Q:** What do you need to **START** doing in order to reach your goals?
- **Q:** What do you need to **KEEP** doing in order to reach your goals?

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Prayer: God, will you give me the <u>wisdom</u> to know what to do next and the <u>courage</u> to do it. Amen!

4 Questions to ask before you Choose.

1. Is it LEGAL?

- Does it break the law?
- Does it break my contract?
- Does it break my promise?

2. Is it <u>HELPFUL</u>?

- Will this help me reach my goal?
- Will this help my relationships?
- Will this help me save time and money?

3. Is it HIDDEN?

- Is it OK if my boss knows?
- Is it OK if my wife knows?
- Is it OK if my friends know?

4. Is it <u>BEST</u>?

"Based on my past experiences, my current circumstances, and my future hopes and dreams - what is the **BEST CHOICE** for me right now?" - Andy Stanley (from his book - ASK IT)

	What's your GOAL?	What's your NEXT STEP?
Faith		
Health		
Time		
Money		
Morality		
Marriage		
Family		
Friends		
Career		
Ministry		