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We have the power to choose: good or evil, to obey or disobey, to change our ways or remain the same

We have to figure out the best choices and make decisions!

No decision is a decision!

We make God-honoring decisions that will shape our lives

#### Life is a journey filled with opportunities, choices, and decisions.

- The road that we take makes all the difference
- As believers in Christ, we are on the road that leads to eternal life.
- We make choices that lead either to abundant life or to a life of regret

Matthew 7:24–27 (NIV) — 24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Jesus presented the picture of a wise & foolish builder.

The difference between them was what they built their lives on

Every Decision Counts

Every wise decision is a step toward building on a firm foundation

We build our lives on a framework of confident faith, satisfaction and goodness, not on foolishness & regret.

Many people are on the road of regret:

- Perfection is elusive
- Regret is a constant companion

# The People Of God Are Frequently Confronted With Life Impacting Choices, Decisions And Opportunities.

- Some Of These Have Made Positive Decisions That Brought Powerful Impact To Them And Their Situation
- Moses Joshua Daniel Paul Levi
- Mary The Disciples Jesus
- These are examples Of Life Impacting Godly Choices, Decisions, & Opportunities That Were Made Right

There Are Just As Many Example Of Poor Choices, Wrong Decisions, & Lost Opportunities

- Adam & Eve Lot Abraham & Sarah The Israelites
- The Spies Achan At Ai King Saul King David
- Jonah The Rich Young Ruler The Prodigal Son Ananias & Saphira Felix Pilate Judas
- These Are Examples Of People Who Failed The Test Of Godly Choices, Decisions & Opportunities

#### **Fast forward to today:**

 Every one of us faces crisis situations where we are confronted with choices & decisions which will have a great impact on our lives

 The Choices and decisions we make must be Godly because they have long-term ramifications in our lives

#### **How To Make God-Honoring Choices And Decisions**

• Joshua 24:15 (NIV) — 15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

## The issue for us is whether we will obey our mighty loving God or be lost in a malaise of confusion

He leaves the choice to us. He leaves the choice to our will

- We must choose the road that leads to his blessing.
- One of the greatest powers that we have is the power to make decisions for our lives

#### Three Take Away's From This Joshua 24:15

1. Will we choose the ways of God or the ways of the enemies of God?

2. This choice is a personal choice

3. There is a time frame --this must be done today.

#### To Make Godly Decisions

- We start with a faith filled mindset
- Every decision requires that a choice be made
- Our choices are essential
- Wrong choices can lead to disaster

#### FIVE STEPS TO DECISION MAKING

- 1. Face any problem that clouds your decision
- 2. Define your problem
- 3. Gather information
- 4. Make a list of all possible solutions
- 5. Choose the best decision

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