

### Embrace God's Word

Today's Choices Shape Tomorrow's Reality # 1  
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TEXT: 1 Samuel 15:10-23 and 1 Samuel 16:1

KEY VERSE: 1 Samuel 15:22

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

My future is in my hand today.  
Today I choose God's Word.

1) God \_\_\_\_\_.

2) God \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Maintain \_\_\_\_\_.

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Pleases God.

5) Go With God's \_\_\_\_\_.

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than sacrifice,  
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than the fat of rams.  
(1 Samuel 15:22)**

**Key Verse:**

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**We shape  
our future by  
the choices  
we make today.**

**Therefore our  
reality is  
created by the  
things we say and do.**

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**But seek ye first  
the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness;  
and all these things shall  
be added unto you.  
(Matthew 6:33)**

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**The choice of one  
can have an impact  
on others.**

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Embrace God's Word  
Today's Choices  
Shape Tomorrow's Reality - (# 1)

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**My future is  
in my hand today.**

**Today I choose  
God's Word.**

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**1) God Speaks.**

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**The first key thing  
available to us,  
to help us make  
the right decisions is  
the Word of God.**

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**Then came the word of the LORD  
unto Samuel, saying,  
(1 Samuel 15:10)**

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References:

**John 3:16**

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**For the word of God *is* quick,  
and powerful, and sharper  
than any twoedged sword,  
piercing even to the dividing  
asunder of soul and spirit,  
and of the joints and marrow,  
and *is* a discerner of the  
thoughts and intents of the heart.  
(Hebrews 4:12)**

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**1) God Speaks.**

**2) God Directs.**

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**God created us  
to fulfill His purpose.**

**When we know what  
that purpose is  
and walk in it,  
it is easier to live  
this life.**

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**And when Samuel rose early  
to meet Saul in the morning,  
it was told Samuel, saying,  
Saul came to Carmel, and, behold,  
he set him up a place,  
and is gone about, and passed on,  
and gone down to Gilgal.  
(1 Samuel 15:12)**

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**Because the job  
we have is  
assigned by God,  
we can have  
confidence  
in knowing that  
it is the right job  
for us to do.**

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**Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do,  
do *it* with thy might;  
for *there is* no work, nor device,  
nor knowledge, nor wisdom,  
in the grave, whither thou goest.  
(Ecclesiastes 9:10)**

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References:

**Colossians 3:23**

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- 1) God Speaks.
- 2) God Directs.
- 3) Maintain  
Accountability.

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**We must be  
accountable to others  
as well as be  
a faithful  
accountability friend  
for others.**

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**The farther we are  
from sin,  
the closer we are  
to God.**

**The closer we are  
to God,  
the farther we are  
from sin.**

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References:

**James 4:7-8**

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**It is  
the responsibility of  
the Christian  
to acknowledge sin  
and stay away  
from it.**

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**And Samuel said,  
What *meaneth* then this bleating  
of the sheep in mine ears,  
and the lowing of  
the oxen which I hear?  
(1 Samuel 15:14)**

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**Wherefore then didst thou  
not obey the voice of the LORD,  
but didst fly upon the spoil,  
and didst evil  
in the sight of the LORD?  
(1 Samuel 15:19)**

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**Don't play with sin,  
don't pretend  
it isn't there,  
recognize it,  
expose it,  
and then  
stay away from it.**

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References:

**Leviticus 5:1**

**Psalms 19:13**

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He hath shewed thee,  
O man, what *is* good;  
and what doth the LORD  
require of thee,  
but to do justly,  
and to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly  
with thy God?  
(Micah 6:8)

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References:

**Psalm 51:2-4**

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- 1) God Speaks.
- 2) God Directs.
- 3) Maintain  
Accountability.
- 4) Obedience  
Pleases God.

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**If we don't obey,  
we are in  
Disobedience.**

**God does not bless  
the disobedient.**

**Knowing  
is not doing.**

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*as great* delight in burnt offerings  
and sacrifices, as in obeying the  
voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey  
*is* better than sacrifice, *and* to  
hearken than the fat of rams.**

**23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of  
witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as*  
iniquity and idolatry. Because thou  
hast rejected the word of the LORD,  
he hath also rejected thee from  
*being* king. (1 Samuel 15:22-23)**

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**Obedience is  
blessed by God.**

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References:

**Psalm 24:3-4**

**2 Timothy 2:22**

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**Seeing ye have purified your souls  
in obeying the truth through  
the Spirit unto unfeigned  
love of the brethren,  
*see that ye* love one another  
with a pure heart fervently:  
(1 Peter 1:22)**

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**1) God Speaks.**

**2) God Directs.**

**3) Maintain  
Accountability.**

**4) Obedience  
Pleases God.**

**5) Go With God's Anointing.**

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**And the LORD said unto Samuel,  
How long wilt thou mourn for Saul,  
seeing I have rejected him  
from reigning over Israel?  
fill thine horn with oil, and go,  
I will send thee to Jesse  
the Bethlehemite:  
for I have provided me  
a king among his sons.  
(1 Samuel 16:1)**

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**When we are saved,  
we are saved  
for service.**

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**God wants us  
to be sanctified,  
set apart  
for His service.**

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**If you want  
to be sent,  
you must be  
filled up with  
the anointing.**

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References:

**Acts 2:17-18**

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**Through the  
anointing,  
God chose another.**

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**The purposes of God  
will not be thwarted.  
God will find  
someone,  
willing in their heart,  
to obey and  
do His Will.**

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**God's plan will not be  
stopped  
by the Devil.**

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**The Devil will be  
defeated  
in our life  
when we obey God.**

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**The Most  
Important Thing.**

**The most  
important thing  
is obedience.**

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**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.  
(2 Chronicles 7:14)**

Concluding  
Scripture:

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**A Story by  
Pastor Tony Evans.**

**“If You Want A Better World ...?”**

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