

Making Right Decisions

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We All Make Decisions Every Day of Our Lives

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2. Choices are inevitable.
3. Choices are consequential.

Consequences of David’s choice: (2 Samuel 11)

- 1) An immoral pregnancy
- 2) Compounded sins (including murder)
- 3) Forced marriage
- 4) Conviction and guilt
- 5) Poor witness to non-believers
- 6) The child died

Consequences of Joseph’s choice: (Genesis 39)

- 1) Joseph paid for his right choice immediately.
- 2) Joseph was blessed greatly in the long run.

My Decision Making Either Glorifies Me or God

I am either... or (Romans 12:1,2)

Conformed to this World

1. The wisdom of mankind
1 Corinthians 1:19,20
2. The desires of mankind
Ephesians 2:3
3. The pleasure of mankind
Romans 15:3
4. The greed of mankind
1 Timothy 6:9-11
5. The claims of mankind
1 Corinthians 3:19
6. Receive results of mankind
 - human results (Galatians 6:8)
 - reap corruption

Transformed by Christ

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Isaiah 40:8
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3. The purpose of God
Romans 12:1,2
4. The glory of God
Psalm 86:12
5. The counsel of God
Psalm 33:10-11; 73:24
6. Receive the results of God
 - reap eternal life
 - life changing (Galatians 6:8)

There are Six Steps To a Right Decision:

1. Spend time in prayer. ...Before your decision, not afterwards.
2. Read relevant Scripture.
3. Think through the consequences:
Ask yourself three questions:
 - A) How will it affect me personally, spiritually, physically, socially, etc.?
 - B) How will it affect others?
 - C) Will it glorify God?
4. Consider all the options (Think it all out.)
5. Choose the right time to make your decision.
6. Seek the confirmation of spiritually mature leaders.

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