

Making Wise Choices

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Five Most Important Choices

- 1. Whom we will serve**
- 2. Whom we will marry**
- 3. Whom we choose for friends**
- 4. What we will do for a living**
- 5. Where we will live**

Wrong Choices

- 1. *Serve:* People in Elijah's day couldn't make up their mind, whom they should serve (1 Kgs 18:21)**
- 2. *Marry:* Solomon's wives turned him away from God (1 Kgs 11:1)**
- 3. *Friends:* Job's friends accused him of wrongdoing (Job 19:14-19)**
- 4. *Jobs:* Demas turned away from Christ having loved this present world (2 Tim 4:10)**
- 5. *Live at:* Lot chose the land toward Sodom (Gen. 13:10-13)**

Right Choices

- 1. *Serve:* Joshua chose to serve the Lord (Josh. 24:15)**
- 2. *Marry:* Joseph chose Mary (Matt. 1:24)**
- 3. *Friends:* Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego gathered strength from one another (Dan. 3:14)**
- 4. *Jobs:* Apostles chose to leave their professions and serve the Lord (Matt. 19:27)**
- 5. *Live at:* Abraham left wicked Ur (Gen 12:1)**

How do we make the right choices?

■ Pray, asking for wisdom

■ James 1:5-8

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

⁸ *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

How do we make the right choices?

- **Diligently seek wisdom**

- **Proverbs 3:13-18**

- ¹³ Happy *is* the man *who* finds wisdom,
And the man *who* gains understanding;
hold of her, And happy *are all* who retain
her....

How do we make the right choices?

- **Trust His providence**

- **Philippians 2:12-13**

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

¹³ ***for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.***

How do we make the right choices?

■ Follow His direction

■ Proverbs 3:5-6

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
- In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

How do we make the right choices?

■ Seek God's advice

■ 2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

How do we make the right choices?

- **Seek advice from older, mature Christians**
 - **Proverbs 11:14**

¹⁴ Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety.
 - **Proverbs 12:15**

¹⁵ The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel *is* wise.

Consequences of making the wrong choices

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