

Choices

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Notes for sermon "Choices".

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From the time to get up, what to wear, what to eat, etc. Some decisions are good, some are bad. Some are wise, some not so wise.

Choices we make today do not just affect us for today but will also.....affect out live tomorrow.

Old Testament is for our learning, Romans 15:4 "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning,.."

Let's look at a couple of Unwise Choices.

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Genesis 13,14,18,19

Gen. 13:10-13 "And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. 12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. 13 But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD."

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II Samuel 12-18

II Samuel 12:10-11 "Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' 11 "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.'"

There was turmoil in David's house as a result of his choice of sinning with Bathsheba.

Absalom rebelled against his father David.

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We associate with those of like interest and values. We must be careful to associate with those who will help us serve God.

Jesus did associate with sinners to help teach them but His close friends were His Disciples.

Prov. 17:17 “A friend loveth at all times...”

Prov. 18:24 “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.”

Prov. 12:26 “The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.”

I Cor. 15:33 “Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits.”

We must choose our friends wisely.

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Some say if a marriage does not work out I will just get a divorce. But a divorce comes at a price. It is wrong except when spouse commits adultery. (Matthew 19:3-9)

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James 1:5-8 “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.”

Prov. 11:14 “Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.”

Prov. 12:15 “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.”

Psalms 37:5-6 “Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. 6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.”

Prov. 37:23-26 “The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand. 25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. 26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.”

James 4:13-15 “Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your

life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.
15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

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There will be times when we will make the wrong choice. What should we do? Let's see what others have done.

Even though he made a bad choice in choosing a place to live, Lot heeded the warning of the Angels and fled!

Peter denied Jesus three times, he repented and went on to serve God as a faithful Apostle and Elder

Paul persecuted the church and even had Christians put to death. When Ananis told him what he must do to be saved, he accepted the gospel and lived for Jesus.

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Choices have consequences therefore we need to make wise choices. Our choices of choosing Jesus, friends, careers, spouse, where to live and other life choices will greatly determine our happiness in this life and more importantly, where we will spend eternity.

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Have you made the most important choice of all?
Accepting Jesus?