

## **Your Decisions Are Your Life**

*“Life is the sum of all your choices.”*

~Albert Camus

I am sure we've all heard nice little quotes like the one above, but how many of us really take the time to think about that statement when we are going about the business of life? Not many of us! Sometimes we make decisions without even being cognizant of how they'll impact us and our families. Then when we're living in the harvest of those decisions, especially when the harvest is negative, we wonder what's wrong. Nothing's wrong, you're just living out your choices. Good or bad, where you are today is a result of the decisions you made yesterday; and where you will be tomorrow will be the result of the decisions you make today. I see so many people look at their life and wonder why certain things are happening to them, but they totally disregard the fact that it's their decisions, not God, that are responsible for where they are.

According to Deuteronomy 30:19, God has given you the right to choose—life or death; blessings or cursings. So you see, whether you walk in blessings, which leads to success, or curses, which leads to failure, is dependent on the decisions you make. We all have been given the ability to live the good life, but the truth is we have to choose the good life daily by making decisions that will lead us to the good life.

It's imperative to understand that success is made one decision at a time. Every day of your life is a decision-making event; and every decision has a harvest. From the time you open your eyes in the morning until you close them at night, you will be making decisions. With that in mind, you have to be sure you make decisions that will yield a harvest of blessings not curses.

I see a lot of people going through hard times right now and the one common thread I see in a lot of cases is the impact of unwise decisions. We all know that things beyond our control

can impact us, but if we are honest with ourselves, more often than not, it's our decisions that are to blame for why we're where we are. You see, you have to understand that life is nothing more than one big conglomerate of choices. You have a choice in everything that impacts you. And sometimes, even in our failure to make a choice, we are still making a choice.

Now, my goal is to do everything I can to empower people in the Body of Christ to stop acting like victims and take their rightful places as the victors and conquerors God has made them; but that will never happen as long as we continue to evade taking responsibility for our decisions, and ultimately our actions and our lives. Success, just as failure, in anything is defined by decisions. And your decisions are going to be based off the information or knowledge that you have.

When you make decisions, where are you getting the information you base your decisions off. Are you getting all your information from the world, famous television personalities, rappers and people who really don't understand life? Or are you basing your decisions off the Word of the living God who is the Creator of life and the only One who understands everything about it?

Information you obtain from the world is designed to fail. In fact, everything in the world is failing, they're just doing their best to try and cover that truth; but like the Titanic, they're going down. Likewise, when you base your decisions off information obtained from that falling system, you're going to go down too. That's why the Bible warns us not to love the world because it will pass away (1 John 2:14-17). If the world is passing away, you know its counsel is going to pass away.

The Word of God, unlike the word of the world, will endure forever. Matthew 24:35 says the Word will never pass away. It will stand forever; and when you make your decisions based

off the Word of God, you will prosper and enjoy the good harvest of your decisions and not the bitterness of negative consequences.

Here's something you have to remember about Deuteronomy 30:19, which talks about your right to choose. God respects your choice. Although He's Sovereign and has the ability to do anything, He will not violate your free will. That means God cannot make you do anything. He wants you to choose to obey Him out of a willing heart so you can eat the good of the land (Isaiah 1:19). Likewise, neither can the devil make you do anything. All he can do is make suggestions, but you are the establishing witness. Heaven and Earth are waiting on your choice. People don't sin because the devil made them do it. They sin because they want to. People don't obey God because He's making them obey Him. They do it because they want to. Everything in life boils down to choices.

God, who is rich in mercy, has given us the Bible as a "cheat sheet" so to speak. Every time you get ready to make a decision, you can go to it and tap into wisdom so that you make a decision that will bless or empower you to succeed and do well. James 3:17 in the Message Bible says, "Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life ...." Holiness means agreeing with or becoming of one mind with God. It's only when your mind is aligned with the Word and mind of God that you will be able to make wise decisions—decisions that empower you to succeed and not fail. Now, if you are someone who just refuses to read the Bible and find out what the wisdom of God has to say about a decision you're making, then you will create your own path and lie down in sorrow (Isaiah 50:11).

The Bible says a curse causeless shall not come (Proverbs 26:2); which means if things are not working in your life, it is not by accident. Somewhere along the line you had to do something to open yourself to a curse. A curse is what happens when we disobey God. It's not

God punishing you. It's just the recourse or the harvest of your decision to disobey God. If you notice in Genesis Chapter 3, after Adam disobeyed God it brought on the curse and His abundance dried up. That's why God wants us to obey Him—so that we can flourish in His abundance.

Regardless of what decisions you have made in the past, today is a new day and at this moment you have an opportunity to get it right. You can walk away from the curse of disobedience brought on by unwise decisions that opposed the Word of God and step into the blessing, which comes from obedience and making decisions in line with the Word of God. Ask God to forgive you for the times that you have disobeyed, and do what needs to be done to make sure you, from here on out, live your life in the blessing on a decision-by-decision basis. You'll be glad you did!