

A TIME TO CHOOSE



We supposedly make 35,000 decisions everyday. Some are good and some are bad. It is said that we make 227 decisions alone each day just on the food we eat or prepare.

As we grow up, many of our decisions are made for us until we reach a responsible age. "Raising Children 101" includes helping our kids to start making choices of their own.

1. What happens when the parents failed on teaching "making good choices", and then the kids leave home? _____

2. If the young adult does not know how to decide things, and they hook up individuals or groups that starts making their decisions, what happens?

If a person is not a Christian, or is not really seeking spiritual things, choosing stuff like which party to go to, or to hang with, those decisions might not be too tricky if that's all you want out of life.

3. King David said in Psalm 119:30, "I have chosen the _____ of _____."

That's a start. Everybody talks about finding the truth wherever it is.

4. However, let's get more specific. What God expects is not vague & it is not optional. Here's where choices become more serious in our lives.

a. (Ecclesiastes 12:13) The whole duty of men is to:

Fear _____ & _____ His commandments

b. (Micah 6:8) "Only to do _____, love _____, and Walk _____ with your _____."

DECISION #1 – Choosing God to be in our lives

5. Match the choices with the verses.

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| a. Choose the right way | ___ Joshua 24:15 |
| b. Choose who you will serve | ___ Isaiah 56:4 |
| c. Choose pleasing God | ___ Psalm 25:12 |
| d. Choose not to hate knowledge | ___ Proverbs 1:29 |

Basically, the first big decision is to ask Jesus Christ to be your Savior from the punishment of sin, to pay for your sin, and to come into your life.

I remember when I became a Christian, the speaker at the church event said, "You are a sinner – the sin has to be paid for – you cannot pay for it."

BUT JESUS DID & WANTS TO GIVE THAT GIFT TO YOU.

DECISION #2 – Choosing how to live & grow

6. (Proverbs 16:16) "How much better to get _____ than gold. And to choose _____ rather than silver."

Wisdom = "Having the power & ability to see things the way God sees things.; to discern & judge properly as to what is right & true. This is possible by being a Christian (ask Jesus into your life), by following the teachings of the Bible, and by pursuing God's will & plan for your life."

7. Write out Proverbs 3:5-6. _____

DECISION #3 -Surround yourself with Men who follow God

*Moses chose proven, **quality men** to be in his life (Exodus 18:22-25). These men could make your **life easier, & help carry your burdens**. You will have **peace** to endure.*

8. Write out Proverbs 12:26. _____

9. Write out Proverbs 27:17. _____

DECISION #4 – Choose the right methods & the correct tools.

*To fight Goliath, young David held his staff & he picked 5 stones from the creek (1 Samuel 17:40). He had seen these tools work; he knew how to use them. He chose what would work; he did not run away; he did not get stoned or drunk; he refused the bad advice; he did not rely on bad habits or the past. **HE STEPPED FORWARD.***