

The Choices We Make

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As we go through life we constantly have decisions and choices that we must make. Some of these are extremely simple choices such as what time we should wake up or what should we have for lunch today. However, as we mature and more responsibilities are given to us the seriousness of our choices continue to increase. Many of the choices and decisions come upon us many times when we're not prepared to make them. It seems that sometimes with major decisions that there is never a perfect time to come to a choice. However, as we make important choices throughout our lives we should also consider the choices that we must that affect our spiritual lives. Galatians 6:7-8 reads, "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. (7) For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life." With all of the choices we make there is going to be some type of consequence that we're going to have to answer for whether it be good or evil. But more importantly, we should understand the consequence of sin. In this passage we are given two options. We can focus on things of the flesh or things of the spirit. On this earth, if we choose to follow a worldly path, it will only lead us to our own destruction. Ultimately, it will lead us to not only a physical destruction but a spiritual death. Nevertheless, we are also given the hope of an eternal life. The only way we can receive the grace of God is by choosing Him. We have to focus our lives on spiritual matters. As a Christian, we are servants of God and as a servant we must devote our lives to Him and to His word. Colossians 3:2 states that you must "set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on the earth..." In everything that we do in this life we must do it with God in our hearts and He must be apart of all of our choices. God should be on our minds constantly, and in doing so He will be apart of the choices that we must make. We then can learn to make the right decisions and overall make better choices in our lives. The only way we can reach this mindset is by taking action in our own lives. We have to go to His word and wrap our minds around the commands that He has given us. We must also use one of the most powerful tools we as Christians have, prayer. Being a Christian is more than just showing up on Sunday and Wednesday, it is an active faith that changes our entire lives as we strive daily to be more like Christ.