

“Directives in Making Decisions”

TEXT: “...choose you this day whom ye will serve;...”Joshua 24:15
Decisions are our choices that we make each day.

1. **Marry the right person I Tim. 3:11**
 - a. By being the right person (water seeks its’ own level) for them.
 - b. By looking for the right person, in the right place, doing the right thing, at the right time.
 - c. By letting God determine the standards
 - i. Saved
 - ii. Serving
 - iii. Secure
2. **Work at something you enjoy (you’ll spend your life doing it)Col. 3:23**
3. **Give more to people than they expect**
4. **Be positive and enthusiastic**
5. **Be forgiving**
6. **Be generous by having a grateful heart**
7. **Seek to always increase your assets (value)**
 - a. Spiritually (treasures in heaven) top spot
 - b. Physically
 - i. What did you do today to strengthen yourself
 - ii. What did you do today to hurt yourself
 - c. Materially and financially
 - d. Socially (place a high value on having good friends and being one)
8. **Treat everyone the way you would like to be treated**
 - a. Matt. 5:44 “...do good to them that hate you...”
 - b. Matt. 5:46 “...if ye love them that love you, what reward have you?”
 - c. Matt. 7:12 The golden rule
9. **Commit yourself to quality (work as unto the Lord)**
10. **True happiness is based on relationships with people and not possessions**
11. **Be loyal, honest, and a self-starter (Do you not expect this of others?)**
12. **Be decisive, even if it means that sometimes you may be wrong**
 - a. On **irreversible** decisions, make sure you are right, live with it if not
 - b. On **reversible** decisions, seek to be right and change if you are not
13. **Take responsibility for your decisions-stop blaming others**
14. **Don’t do anything that wouldn’t make MaMa proud**
15. **Persistence, Persistence, Persistence, in your quest to do right**

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“FAITH FOR THE FUTURE”

TEXT: Rom. 10:17 “Faith cometh by hearing...” The Lord will not allow your faith to go unnoticed or unrewarded. (Heb. 6:10) Faith not only pleases God, but produces a wholesome effect upon you.

1. Faith will give you a vision

- a. Some can see (Abraham rejoice and was glad John 8:56)
- b. Some cannot see (cannot see afar off II Peter 9)

2. Faith will give you courage

- a. Joshua 1:7-9
- b. II Sam. 22:30 Faith not only tells you what is right, but tells you that you can and you will.

3. Faith will make you wise

- a. Dan. 1:17 “...God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom.” (because of their faith)
- b. Taking God at his Word is the beginning of wisdom. Prov. 1:7; 9:9,10

4. Faith will give you hope

- a. Faith enabled the believer to wait patiently while you hope confidently.
- b. Gal. 5:5 “For we through the Spirit wait...by faith.”

5. Faith will enable you to accomplish great things

- a. Heb. 11 (notice what they all accomplished by faith)
- b. Ex. 11:3 (Moses was great), (Joseph was great Gen. 45:13)

6. Faith will bring comfort and contentment

- a. I Thes. 4:18 “...comfort one another with these words”
- b. Phil. 4:11 “...I have learned ...to be content”
- c. Rom. 15:13 “...the God of hope...joy and peace **in believing**...”

7. Faith will cause you to be faithful

I Cor. 4:2 “...required ...to be faithful” (means to be full of faith)

Faith gives:	Vision	Doubt destroys	Vision
	Courage		Courage
	Wisdom		Wisdom
	Hope		Hope
	Accomplishments		Accomplishments
	Comfort		Comfort
	Contentment		Contentment
	Faithfulness		Faithfulness

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“Faith on Trial”

If you serve GOD there is a price to pay.
If you serve the DEVIL there is a price to pay.

TEXT: I Peter 1:7 “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:”

Cost of rebellion

I. Price to Pay

James 1:15 says, ...”sin, when it is _____, bringeth forth_____.”

II. Pressure of the Yoke

Deut. 28:47-48 says, “... he shall put a yoke of _____ upon thy neck.”

III. Pleasure to Enjoy

Heb. 11:25 says, there is “... pleasure in sin for a _____.”

IV. Purpose of Sowing

Eph. 5:11 says, “... have no fellowship with the _____ works of darkness.”

V. Perfect Vision

Num. 32:23 says, “;;; be sure your sin will _____ you _____.”

VI. Permanent Results

Heb. 11:26 says, “Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt.” (which is temporary)

Cost of Obedience

II Tim. 3:12, “...all that will live _____ in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”
Luke 14:27-33 “..._____ thyself.”

Matt. 11:30 says “...my yoke is _____, and my burden is _____.”

II Cor. 4:17 says, “For our _____ affliction, which is but for a _____, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* _____ weight of glory;”

John 15:8 says, “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear _____; so shall ye be my disciples.”

II Cor. 5:10 says, “... that _____ may receive the things ... according to that he hath done, ...”

Matt. 6:20 says, “But lay up for yourselves treasures in _____, ...where thieves do not break through nor steal.”