

MESSAGE

Occasion : Morning Worship
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TITLE : BIBLICAL CHOICES
Text/s :

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Ps 25:12

12 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

Ps 119:30

30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

Bible Reading :

Ps 25:12-14

12 What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

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1 Pet 2:9

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Song/s :

INTRODUCTION

Every day of our life we make choices, some small, some great. Some have little consequences, some big. If we choose to go soulwinning or not, our choice will have big consequences for those who get saved.

Today we celebrate our Independence Day... We celebrate freedom, liberty.

We must remember that liberty does mean being able to do what you simply want to do. I heard someone say, "My liberty ends where somebody's nose begins."

We need to learn that liberty and freedom includes being able to make sound decisions according to established standards.

The dictionary defines liberty as

1 : the quality or state of being free: a : the power to do as one pleases b : freedom from physical restraint c : freedom from arbitrary or despotic control d : the positive enjoyment of various social, political, or economic rights and privileges e : the power of choice
2 a : a right or immunity enjoyed by prescription or by grant : PRIVILEGE b : permission especially to go freely within specified limits
In other words, liberty has something to do with making right choices.

Take note of the following verses...

2 Tim 3:1-7

3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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These verses reveal that in the last days, people shall want in making the right choices.

What choices do we see in the Word of God that we should be aware?

A) Choose life

Deut 30:15

15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

Deut 30:19

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

I Jn 5:11-13

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

John 5:39-40

39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

John 6:40

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:67-68

67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this

Rom 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

B) Choose to serve God

Josh 24:15

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

John 12:26

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Luke 22:26

26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

Rev 22:3

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Rom 6:6

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

John 8:34

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Rom 6:22

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

How should we serve the Lord?

1) With gladness

Ps 100:2

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

2) With perfect heart and willing mind

1 Chr 28:9

9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

3) By love

Gal 5:13

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

C) Choose to hear His Word

Luke 10:42

42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

The good part – the thing most beneficial, excellent. The excellent part is Christ’s teachings.

- 1) The cares of this life are dangerous and they easily distract us from learning God’s Word
- 2) To learn of Christ is the most important in this world
Phil 3:8
8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,
- 3) If attention to Christ is omitted at the proper time, it will be omitted at other times

D) Choose a good name

Prov 22:1

- 1 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Ecc 7:1

- 1 A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

How do we choose a good name? Honorable reputation. A trait of leadership.

Prov 3:3-4

- 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:
- 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

E) Choose to have the fear of the Lord

Prov 1:28-29

- 28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:
- 29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

Prov 1:7

- 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Prov 22:4

- 4 By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.

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Ps 115:11-13

- 11 Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.
- 12 The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.
- 13 He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

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Job 28:28

- 28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

The fear of God would give awe and respect for the majesty and holiness of God.

- 1) Make us careful to do evil
Jonah 1:9
9 And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.
- 2) Make us to pursue holiness

2 Cor 7:1

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

3) Make us to be humble

Eph 5:21

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

4) Make us orderly

2 Sam 23:3

3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

F) Choose to be identified with God and His people however unpopular the results may be

Heb 11:25

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Ps 84:10

10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Matt 5:10-12

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Rom 8:17-18

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2 Tim 3:12

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

G) Choose the things that please God

Isa 56:4

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

Gal 1:10

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

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1 Thess 2:4

4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

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Col 3:22

22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

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Eph 6:6

6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;
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1 Cor 2:4-5

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

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H) Choose the way of truth

Ps 119:30

30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

Ps 119:173

173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

I) Choose the good and refuse evil

Isa 7:15-16

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.