



Prayer Ministry

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MAKING CHOICES

The kind of life we lead and its results depends in large part on the choices we make from day to day. Our priorities are really the relative importance we put on the choices we make. Each of us is and will be held accountable for our choices.

In making choices we have a number of resources to help us - past experiences, advice from others, prayer, The Holy Spirit, the Bible and others. Today let's look at some of the ways the Bible helps in the choices we make.

- The Bible teaches us right from wrong. The Ten Commandments, the many teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount are examples as well as the teachings of Paul.
- The Bible reveals our need of redemption and how we acquired it. (Genesis 3)
- The Bible reveals God's plan for our redemption. (Genesis 4 thru Revelation 22)
- The Bible teaches us what part Jesus plays in our redemption. Without Him it is not possible.
- The Bible warns us of where wrong choices will lead us as well as where good choices lead. It gives many examples of what choices those who preceded us made and where it led them.
- The Bible teaches us how ones choices affect others and how theirs affect us.
- The Bible instructs us in what to do when we make bad choices.
- Maybe most importantly, the Bible reveals how our choices concerning our relationship to God will ultimately determine how we will spend eternity.

If we chose to believe the Bible is the word of man searching for God we will tend to pick and choose which parts we want to accept. If we choose to believe it is God's Word (as it claims to be) we will find it gives us what we need to restore us to the Kingdom of God. It has a way of proving itself as we seek its message.

Seek its message to you. You cannot make good choices without it.

Next month we will look at some of the ways prayer and the Holy Spirit help us make good choices.

The Bible

This Book unfolds Jehovah's mind.

This Voice speaks in accents kind.

This Friend will all your needs supply.

This Fountain never will run dry.

This Mine affords us boundless wealth.

This Good Physician gives us health.

This Sun renews and warms the soul.

This Sword both wounds and makes us whole.

This Letter tells of sins forgiven.

This Map will guide us into heaven.

This Charter is sealed in blood.

This Volume is the Word of God.

Prayer Force

Pray for 10,000 professions of faith in 2016

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