

FROM DECISION -- TO DESTINY

Making Decisions is something everyone does many times each day. It begins with whether or not to get out of bed in the morning -- whether to shower or not -- what clothing to wear -- whether to go to school or work, or not -- and on and on we go throughout the day -- we all make many decisions.

Some are routine every-day decisions -- others could be much more lasting -- like who to marry, which house to purchase, should you buy a new car -- decisions, decisions, decisions -- there seems to be no end.

Then, there is a very major decision which we all face -- to accept Jesus Christ as our own personal Savior -- or to reject Him, and try to face the world and the future on our own.

This is the major of all decisions we will ever be called on to make -- it not only affects us right now at this moment exactly where we are -- but will also determine our Eternal Destiny -- Heaven or Hell!

I would like to insert here an Old Testament quote on this matter of making decisions -- *"If it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you 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 you dwell -- BUT as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"* (Joshua 24:15).

Let's give this decision some immediate thought. The Bible makes it very clear and plain -- there is a real Heaven -- there is a real Hell -- and we're going to spend Eternity in one or the other.

The Bible describes Heaven as a place of everlasting beauty, peace, tranquility -- all to be desired. The Bible also describes Hell as a place of everlasting fire, heat, torment, darkness, loneliness -- a place to dread.

One of the most pointed stories in the Bible on this matter is found in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 16, verses 19-31 -- the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus -- take time to look it up and read it carefully. Basically it proves there is no second chance, there is no return or hope beyond the grave for the unprepared.

Once you make the all important decision to accept or reject the finished work of Christ on the Cross -- IT IS FINAL! Jesus, as He died on the Cross, cried out -- "It Is Finished!" (John 19:30).

Many, today, are simply putting off this decision until a more convenient time, as did Governor Felix who put off making a decision -- and never did (Acts 24:25).

Procrastination has sent many people to Hell -- waiting for later in life, waiting for better circumstances, waiting for -- WHAT EVER -- and NEVER coming to grips with the most important decision a person can make -- Life or Death -- Heaven or Hell -- to follow Jesus NOW and be FREE -- or to follow the Devil into bondage and torment FOREVER.

Another item that distracts many from making a decision is the matter of possessions. The story of the Rich Young Ruler in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 19 verses 16-26 is a prime example of riches and possessions blinding the eyes of a person causing him to make the wrong decision -- it says that *"he went away sorrowful -- for he had great possessions"* (verse 22). We are told in Matthew 16:26 -- *"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul."*

How many today are giving up a Wonderful Eternity for a few moments of sinful pleasure -- how many today are selling out to the Devil for worldly fame or fortune -- how many young people today are missing out on a good and satisfying life for the popularity of the moment?

Make the MOST IMPORTANT DECISION you will ever make -- your Destiny. Ask Jesus Christ to come into your life, forgive your sins, and assure you of Eternity with Him. Don't procrastinate -- do it RIGHT NOW -- tomorrow may be too late!

True Christianity is to have that Blessed Assurance, and the Peace of God in your heart and life -- RIGHT NOW!

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