

MAKING WISE DECISIONS

1. The Right to make a decision is a freedom we can't afford to lose.

The ones who is God fearing will be also God conscious while the careless and naïve will choose self agenda. This virtue to choose freely without any struggles or inner conflicts keeps this freedom and charts the course of our life towards our destiny.

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

²⁰ But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

²² For I joyfully concur with the law of God ^[o]in the inner man, ²³ but I see a different law in ^[p]the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner ^[q]of the law of sin which is in my members.

Romans 7:18,20,22-23

2. Great decisions are made today compounding on the leverage we now have because of the right decisions we made in the past.

One good turn deserves another. There are good decisions we have made that have become our foundation today. We can continue in what God has intended for us. Our decisions will move us only. We will reap the harvest of good decisions that is giving us a cutting edge today.

³⁰ Cornelius said, “Four days ago to this hour, I was praying in my house during the ^Vninth hour; and behold, a man stood before me in shining garments, ³¹ and he *said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your ^Walms have been remembered before God. ³² Therefore send to Joppa and invite Simon, who is also called Peter, to come to you; he is staying at the house of Simon the tanner by the sea.’ ³³ So I sent for you immediately, and you have ^Xbeen kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

Acts 10:30-33

3. We are where we are today because of the decisions we made yesterday

We are the sum total of all the choices we made in the past. The choices we are taking will come out of a programmed thought pattern from the past. The behavior pattern will be predictable.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

Hebrews 11:24,25

4. We will face and will have to live with the consequences of all our decisions whether good or bad.

We will set in motion chain reaction when we decide to take actions. There will always be a reaction or a response to every action taken in righteousness.

5. We must have accurate and adequate information before we make a decision.

We must do a due diligence on our own so that we have the solid facts for an intelligent decision to be made. Our intelligence gathering must be at its best and it must be used to protect, guard and guide our lives. Our enemies will gather the needed information about us before they attack us.

²that Hanani, one of my brothers, and^b some men from Judah came; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped and had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem.³ They said to me, “The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire.”

Nehemiah 1:2-3

¹⁰ When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite ^[b]official heard about it, it was very displeasing to them that someone had come to seek the welfare of the sons of Israel.

¹⁹ But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite ^[f]official, and Geshem the Arab heard it, they mocked us and despised us and said, “What is this thing you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?”

Nehemiah 2:10,19

4 ^[a]Now it came about that when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews. ² He spoke in the presence of his brothers and the ^[b]wealthy men of Samaria and said, “What are these feeble Jews doing? Are they going to restore it for themselves? Can they offer sacrifices? Can they finish in a day? Can they revive the stones from the ^[c]dusty rubble even the burned ones?”

Nehemiah 4:1,2

4 Now when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people of the exile were building a temple to the LORD God of Israel,² they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' households, and said to them, “Let us build with you, for we, like you, seek your God; and we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here.”³ But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of fathers' households of Israel said to them, “You have

nothing in common with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves will together build to the LORD God of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us."

Ezra 4:1-3

6. We must be determined to make ALL DECISIONS in line with the Principles of Scriptures, God's Purposes and Plan

God has already predetermined our pathway in the Spirit. We must change the steps of lifestyle so that it represents the Christ and demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit. We need to know what God is saying and what He brings in the earth. We must decide to pursue God's purpose and plans. We must not become distracted from our destiny.

¹⁹ [K]So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. ²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:19-21

7. Every decision we make will affect and influence those closest to us.

This is another important reason why we need to make the wise decisions in life. All those who consider these principles will pursue the highest level of obedience. Our obedience to God will inspire those closest to us because they know and trust us fully. We must model an extraordinary lifestyle for others to see such a life can be modeled and practiced. We need to breakthrough so that others can breakthrough.

26 Now there was a famine in the land, besides the previous famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham. So Isaac went to Gerar, to Abimelech king of the Philistines.

5 because Abraham ^[g]obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws.”

Genesis 26:1,5

12 Now the LORD said to Abram,

**‘^[a]Go forth from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father’s house,
To the land which I will show you;
² And I will make you a great nation,
And I will bless you,
And make your name great;**

*And so ^[b]you shall be a blessing;
3 And I will bless those who bless you,
And the one who ^[c]curses you I will ^[d]curse.
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”*

Genesis 12:1-3

2 Abram said, “O Lord ^[b]GOD, what will You give me, since I ^[c]am childless, and the ^[d]heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

Genesis 15:2

7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the ^[a]result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13:7

8. We must not make important decisions when we are under pressure from all sides.

The stress of the environment, the conflicts of the issues and the frustrations of the relationships can de-align the decisions and the processes there of. We must make only decisions that will keep us closer to the perfect plan. We need to hold up for the purposes for which we were born. We can shut ourselves out from God's best if we just get a quick fix and a temporary relief. Our minds must be renewed or else we will become conformed to the pattern of this world. God must give us a

battle front mentality instead of a cave mentality. When under pressure go back to God's last word to us before we go into captivity.

² *The^[a] power of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the sons of Israel made for themselves the dens which were in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds.*

⁶ *So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD.*

Judges 6:2,6

¹³ *Then Gideon said to him, “O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”*

¹⁵ *He said to Him, “O Lord, ^[h]how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father’s house.”*

Judges 6:13,15

⁸ *that the LORD sent a prophet to the sons of Israel, and he said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘It was I who brought you up from Egypt and brought you out from the house of^[d] slavery. ⁹ I delivered you from the hands of the Egyptians and from the hands of all your oppressors, and dispossessed them before you and gave you their*

land, ¹⁰ and I said to you, “I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But you have not ^[e]obeyed Me.””

Judges 6:8-10

9. We will pay a high price to make a right decision that will make significant influence on destiny.

There are decisions that does not affect destiny and there are those which will. We need to seek wise counsel from those above us who are prophetic and sold out to pleasing God. When our partners in destiny choose another way and focus on a new destiny, then we must separate peacefully. We may lose friends, family members, church members and companions but the friendship of God will be my tent.

²³ When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose ^[v]a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep.

Matthew 8:23-24

³⁷ “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.³⁸ And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He

who has found his ^[ad]life will lose it, and he who has lost his ^[ae]life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 10:37-39

²⁰ *And He *came ^[h]home, and the crowd *gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat ^[i]a meal. ²¹ When His own ^[i]people heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."*

Mark 3:20-21

10. We don't have a problem but an important decision to make

We need to study and analyze what the real situation is. We must not exaggerate the problem; making a mountain out of an ant hill.

We must not underestimate the problem but act quickly so that we do not procrastinate in executing God's will here on earth.

64 *Hear my voice, O God, in my ^[a]complaint;
Preserve my life from dread of the enemy.*
2 *Hide me from the secret counsel of evildoers,
From the tumult of those who do iniquity,*
3 *Who have sharpened their tongue like a sword.
They aimed bitter speech as their arrow,*
4 *To shoot ^[b]from concealment at the blameless;
Suddenly they shoot at him, and do not fear.*

⁵ They ^[c]hold fast to themselves an evil purpose;
They ^[d]talk of laying snares secretly;
They say, "Who can see them?"
⁶ They ^[e]devise injustices, saying,
"We are ^[f]ready with a well-conceived plot";
For the ^[g]inward thought and the heart of a man are ^[h]deep.

Psalms 64:1-6

11. We must make decisions based on fresh word from heaven rather with what we already know.

What we know and the knowledge we have in our mind is limited and it has been filtered to fit into our mould. When a fresh word comes from heaven, it carries with it the latent power to drive towards fulfillment. The flow of inspiration and revelation can help keep our decision in the present light of revelation that God is giving to us.

¹³ But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

John 16:13-15

12. When we are making decisions on behalf of those whom we represent, we need to consider fully the owner's interests and agenda rather than our interest.

We can lose what they have gathered by lifestyle of wisdom and sacrifice. Those who represent others must be conscious that they have double responsibility, one to make a wise decision and the other to represent the owner's interest. We can walk into error and decide carelessly. We may just love our job. However the one who owns the business may lose everything.

16 Now He was also saying to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and this manager was ^[a]reported to him as squandering his possessions.

Luke 16:1