

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES

SEVEN QUESTIONS TO
ASK OURSELVES

- Sad words about bad choices
 - Judges 17:6; 21:25
- We choose the way we will speak, what we will do, the places we will go, the things that we will participate in, the way we will dress, the habits we form, the habits we hang on to, the companions we will have, the thoughts we will have, the thoughts we will cherish, etc.
- Our choices need to be made based upon the standard of TRUTH
- The Bible sets the standard
 - John 17:17
 - Psalm 119:151, 160

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”
(Matthew 22:34-40)

- Our choices relate directly to...
 - God and me
 - My neighbor and me

SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK OURSELVES

1. Is it a sin, or does it make provision for the flesh?

- 1 John 3:4; 5:17
- Commission: e.g. Galatians 5:19-21
- Omission: James 4:17
- Violation of conscience: Romans 14:23
- Romans 13:13-14

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2. Does it cause me to share in what is evil?

- 1 Corinthians 10:14-21
- Ephesians 5:11

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3. Does this align with the right priority?

- Matthew 6:33

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4. Is this choosing the good and the excellent?

- Ephesians 2:10
- Titus 2:14
- Philippians 1:9-11
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- Luke 10:38-42

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5. Am I following the “golden rule”?

- Luke 6:31

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6. How will this affect my brother?

- Matthew 18:5-7
- Romans 14:13-15
- 1 Corinthians 10:24

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7. Am I setting the proper example?

- 1 Timothy 4:12
- 1 Peter 2:11-12
- Matthew 5:13-16
- Romans 2:24

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