

**Fresh Fire Ministries**  
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**“Choices”**

*“But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” Genesis 2:17 (NKJV)*

The very first choice given man by God himself would be a choice that he, and we, would live to regret. Adam and Eve’s decision in the Garden of Eden impacted much more than just their immediate generation, but all mankind until Jesus comes. It slammed shut the door of a perfectly pure and sinless relationship, and opened the door to a world that would now be tainted and colored by the human condition which is to say, the old sin nature. Every single person on the face of the earth would now have the distinct commonality of being born in sin and shaped in iniquity. Our sins would now be forever before us until the time would come that God would send Jesus to save us. God in His power, sovereignty, dominion, and love had to give Adam and Eve a choice or He would have become to them no more than a puppet master who controlled the thoughts, actions, and will of His subjects. We would be forced to serve Him. To keep it real, we need God far more than He needs us. Yet He has given us a very powerful and valuable commodity; the freedom to choose.

The ultimately choice that must be made is to come to know God through Jesus Christ our Lord. To refuse to do so carries with it the consequence of eternal damnation. This choice must be made, if you haven’t already done so, today. “And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15 (NKJV) In the midst of a world that was very similar in context and contrast as the world today, Joshua chose to stand, he and his family on the word and work of Almighty God. His choice was urgent in light of the uncertainty of the times in which he lived. That same urgency is upon on us thus necessitating that our choices be parallel and consistent with what God has ordained for our life. The advent of the technology age has introduced us with choices that we never dreamed would ever be available to us. Many of these choices are covertly cloaked in deception and seduction. This means that there are choices that we make today that can result in catastrophe on tomorrow.

Some may remember the days when there were only 3 television stations, 2 brands of blue jeans, 2 kinds of soda or “pop.” Life seems so less complicated. Fast forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> century and now we have a myriad of choices before us. The tragic consequence is that we have re-prioritized our greatest priority and in many cases Jesus has now become far less then who He needs to be in our world, our country, and in our personal lives. “But know this in the last days perilous times will come, for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.” II Timothy 3:1-2 (NKJV) Let’s be clear. These prophetic words spoken by the Apostle Paul are clearly upon us in real time, and unfolding before our very eyes, at this very moment in history. The reality of this is not one soon to come; it has come and to be perfectly honest, has been upon us for the past several generations of mankind.

Please be advised that life is filled with choices. However, every choice that we make has a specific consequence associated with it. Some choices will bless your life, interrupt your life, burden your life, or end your life. In the event that you “choose” not to accept Christ, you have essentially predetermined where you will spend eternal life. Choose wisely. Choose life.