

# Choosing the Right Way

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**1** Decisions are made every day—some more important than others—but with all decisions, we must be sure we are choosing correctly with God’s help and guidance. Every decision must be according to God’s Word and based in faith on Him.

**2** Every day we choose how to respond to someone; how to talk with a group of friends; what to say when a question comes up; what choice to make on the activity of that day; and always choosing a Christlike manner when speaking with others.

**3** Any interaction with people—at play, at school, on vacation, and all other such times, we must choose the right way to act, to treat others, what we say to them, and what topic of conversation we bring up to the group.

**4** *Hebrews 11:24-25 “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.”*

**5** It was a monumental choice because it redirected his life from that moment.

**6** Moses knew that the mindset of the *world* was vastly different from the mindset of the *believer*.

**7** Moses knew he would be persecuted and criticized for leaving Pharaoh’s palace and choosing to live a humble life of faith in God, but it was *the right way* and he would be blessed for choosing correctly.

**8** Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are examples of believing faith on God when they had to decide on important issues.

**9** They had accepted God’s promises *by faith*, and they would pass them on to their children *in faith* so that they could choose *the right way* also.

**10** God promised Abraham the land of Canaan and the world would be blessed through him, but Abraham later died believing that Isaac would see the reality of those promises.

**11** Then Isaac and Jacob died and the promises still had not come to pass.

**12** *Hebrews 11:13 “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”*

**13** When a believer leaves this life still trusting God in faith, they are ushered into the presence of the Lord. *Philippians 1:21 “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”*

**14** If we remain faithful to God, we are promised *Matthew 10:22* that “*he who endures to the end will be saved.*”

**15** Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses were confident of the truth of God’s *Word*, and they believed the *reality* of His promises.

**16** They had no monetary *inheritance* to give the children, but a *promise*—one that much *greater* than any other treasure.

**17** They had not possessed the land; the nation was not established, nor the world blessed yet, but they believed God would be faithful and that was enough.

**18** The Christian life involves choosing the right way and scriptural path. Some decisions are made in a moment; some after much thought; and others by default—but putting off deciding means we allow someone else to make the decision *for* us.

**19** The Christ life is always choosing *the way of the Word*; and a world’s life is choosing *the way of the world*.

**20** Spiritual growth is determined by correct decisions. When Satan tempts—we either say *yes* or *no* to him. We decide whether to read the Bible and pray or put it off until later. It is not a matter of *having* time, but of *taking* the time for what is important.

**21** God gave His creation the power to *decide*, and those *decisions determine* the *direction* of our life.

**22** Adam made the *first wrong* choice—which began a tragic chain of events that has plagued the world to this day.

**23** *Joshua said 24:15 “Choose you this day whom ye will serve;” and Elijah asked 1 Kings 18:21 “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”*

**24** The parents of Moses [Amram and Jochebed] had to choose the right way concerning an unscriptural law. It took faith in God to place the baby Moses in a basket and to believe he would be divinely protected, but they chose the right way and it had right *results*.

**25** Jochebed was able to raise her own child and she taught him about God’s promises to inherit Canaan.

**26** Israel became a great nation and is a blessing to the world. Jochebed taught Moses to love the Lord and choose the right path—so

**27** *NIV Hebrews 11:26 “He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.”*

**28** Moses had been the prince of Egypt for forty years—the wealthiest and most advanced nation of that day.

**29** *Acts 7:22 “Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in*

*speech and action.*” But he had to *choose* to be an Egyptian or an Israelite—choose the *world of wealth* or the *Word of God*.

**30** Like us, we choose to be a follower of the Lord or a follower of the world—with many situations and circumstances.

**31** When interacting with others, do our words and ways send the message that we follow Jesus, or do we say things that indicate we follow Baal?

**32** Moses had fame, power, and money, but he gave it up to serve the Lord. From the *world’s* standpoint, he sacrificed *everything* for *nothing*; but from a *divine* standpoint, he sacrificed *nothing* for *everything*.

**33** Luke 16:15 *“That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.”*

**34** John the Baptist was not famous, influential, or wealthy, but John was *great* in the sight of God because he chose *the right way*.

**35** John 2:15 *“Love **not** the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is **not** in him.”*

**36** Sin tempts everyone because it feeds the pride and cravings of the flesh—but the flesh cannot see that sin is always *wrong, deceptive, and temporary*.

**37** Jeremiah 12:1 *“Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all the faithless live at ease?”*

**38** The answer Job 21:13 *“They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave”*—only to face God’s judgment. Those of the world Romans 2:5 are just *“Treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath.”*

**39** Moses chose to Hebrews 11:25 *“be mistreated along with the people of God”* rather than *“enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.”*

**40** He had the best Egypt had to offer, but he would *Abandon it all, for the sake of the call*—from God.

**41** Hebrews 11:27 *“By faith [Moses] forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.”*

**42** The *first* time he left Egypt Moses was *fleeing from* Pharaoh who wanted to kill him Exodus 2:15; but the *second* time, the Pharaoh was *holding on* to Israel and would not let them go.

**43** Moses had to deal with one of Satan’s most used weapons—*fear*. A Christian can fear being criticized, left out, or mistreated, but the will of God always comes *first* for the *believer*, as it did with Moses—who *“forsook Egypt.”*

**44** He turned his back on *the world* and chose to *trust God*. He put his hand to the plow and *never looked back* Luke 9:62.

**45** The last plague God sent on the Egyptians was most serious. Exodus 11:5. The Passover protected Israel as the Blood of Christ protects us today.

**46** Hebrews 11:28 *“By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.”*

**47** Israel would put lamb’s blood on their doors in faith—that was choosing *the right way* to be protected. Exodus 12:7

**48** They would act *in faith*, what God commanded *by word*—and it saved them as the Blood saves us today.

**49** Moses gave the people regulations for leaving Egypt, and he said they were to be observed on a regular basis from that time on.

**50** Moses never doubted that God would protect them and never doubted they would reach the Promised Land. When God gives a *command*, He also gives the *strength* to carry through.

**51** When they reached the Red Sea, the Pharaoh’s army was closing in. The Israelites were trapped with no escape and they complained to Moses

**52** Exodus 14:11 *“Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die?”*

**53** Moses said Exodus 14:13-14 *“Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.”*

**54** They believed and in faith started across. It would surely take real faith to see tons of water stacked up on both sides of them. If the sea came back, they would all die.

**55** Hebrews 11:29 *“By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.”*

**56** The Israelites had God’s promise that He would not forsake them. The Israelites *believed* and were *saved*; but the Egyptians *rebelled* and were *lost*!

**57** When a wall of water is piled up on all sides of us, and our problems or situation seems *more* than we can endure, our faith in God is seriously tested.

**58** At such times, we must *choose the right way*—according to the Word—Hebrews 10:23 because *“He who promised is faithful.”*

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