

# THE POWER OF CHOICE

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God created man a free moral agent. We were created free to choose what we want for ourselves. God always respects this free will he gave man in all his interactions with man. He never forces anybody to do anything, or even enter a relationship with him. Rather, he chooses the act of persuasion. Any religion that professes to come from God and is in the act of violently forcing people against their will to believe in it is not a religion from God. God respects your will. He wants anyone going to serve him to do it willingly. He wants it to be by choice, predetermined by the individual. He wants us to always act or take a step after careful thought.

*Isa 1:19*

*19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land;*

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*Ex 35:5*

*5 From what you have, take an offering for the LORD. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the LORD an offering of gold, silver and bronze;*

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In the above scriptures, we see God speaking of the power of choice. He desires WILLING obedience to his instructions, WILLING giving for the construction of the Ark and tent of worship. The WILL is a faculty of the soul. It is the place of decision or choice. After meditation, interpretation, and evaluation, the decision (Volition) is made on steps of action to be taken.

Choice is the power to choose after careful thought. Since choice is an act of your own personal will, it therefore means that you are responsible for your choice (decision). You can't blame anyone for the choices you make. So no one will take responsibility and punishment for the wrong choices you make.

Because God respects man's free will, God will always present the two sides of the coin so that we choose the one we want.

*Deut 28:1-2*

*28:1 If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. 2 All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:*

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*Deut 28:15*

*15 However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:*

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*Deut 30:19*

*19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live*

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*John 3:16*

*16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

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The choice is always yours. Every decision you make is your choice. Whatever you decide, God is not to be blamed for the consequences of your action. If you decide for the right things, you get the blessings and life. You decide against God's desire for your life, you get the curses and frustrations of life. He always make things plain and easy to understand, then, he will encourage in what is the best choice for you; But you do the choosing and deciding. So you can't blame God for what follows your decision. You can't blame any other person close or far away from you either. Everyone that speaks into your life is a counselor, but you are the decision maker. You alone take responsibility for your decisions. Even when your mind is poisoned against another, you will be held responsible for choosing to believe that person. There is no excuse. That is why you must be careful who you listen to, what you listen to, and judge all things by the spirit of God, so that you can reach the right conclusions leading to right decisions.

Adam tried to escape judgment by shifting the blame to Eve. Eve did the same by shifting it to the Serpent. God punished the Serpent, Eve and Adam. No one escaped. God told Adam that he was being punished because he chose to listen to his wife rather than take heed to the word of God to him.

*Gen 3:17*

*17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, `You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.*

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### **13 THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT THE POWER OF CHOICE**

1. Life is a collection of choices.
  - Every day we make many decisions for one thing or the other. Decisions ranging from what to wear, eat, appointments and many others. And each decision determines the course of our daily action.
2. The choices we make determine the experience of our lives.
3. Choice is the power of decision.
4. Choice is the ability and right to choose.
  - Our choice becomes our experience.
  - Wrong choice will lead to wrong experience.
  - Right choice will bring right experience.
5. Man was created by God a free moral agent – free to make choices.

6. Choice is the power of decision.
7. Daily, we make hundreds of choices and decisions, which affect us positively or negatively. We are subject to our decisions.
8. Every decision moves you closer to your dream or far away from it.
9. The will is the faculty of the soul where choices and decisions are made. And it is influenced and controlled by the human mind. Therefore, as man thinks, that is how he chooses and decides.
  - If your thoughts are wrong, your choice will be wrong.
  - If your perception, interpretation, evaluation is wrong, surely your volition (choice) will be wrong.
  - To make the right choices (decisions), you have to think right. Read Proverbs 23:7; 27:19.

10. You are the one who decides the cup with which you are to be blessed.

*Prov 13:13*

*13 He who scorns instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command is rewarded.*

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What you do with the word of God determines what happens to you. Your level of obedience determines your level of blessing.

- Your attitude to the word of God determines God's attitude to you.

*Deut 11:26-28*

*26 See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse-- 27 the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; 28 the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.*

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*Ps 101:6*

*6 My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me.*

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- Your measure of obedience determines your measure of blessings.
- If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best of the land (Isa. 1:19).

11. Prosperity is by choice.

*2 Cor 8:9*

*9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.*

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*“Might become”* Speaks of probability. That shows that it is what a man does with Jesus and his principles that determines whether one will be relocated from poverty to riches. The choice you make about the principles of prosperity like tithing, giving etc. determines your financial prosperity. You may not have decided that you want to be born in a poor home, but you can relocate to riches by choice. Change your experience by applying the principles of God into your life.

- 12.** Every blessing promised can only be received into one’s life by choice. What you do with the conditions for the blessing you seek, determines whether you will receive it or not. Every promise of God has a condition attached to it. There is always something God wants man to do. Once you do it, God will do his.

Claiming the promise in fervent prayers alone, without fulfilling the conditions God has given for the blessing to be released, is a waist of time. That is why many are frustrated trying to appropriate the promises of God. Meet the conditions, and the blessings will be yours. It is a matter of choice.

- 13.** Things happen when we follow God’s principles.

*Eccl 8:5-6*

*5 Whoever obeys his command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure. 6 For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter,*

*though a man's misery weighs heavily upon him.*

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This scripture reveals that:

- (a) For every matter there is a proper procedure (principle, laws, commands, judgment, or decrees) for it.
- (b) For every matter, there is a time for it to change.
- (c) When you know the procedure, and you are following it, you still need to be patient till the time for change comes
- (d) Outside of the decree or law or principle or procedure laid down in the word of God, nothing else will work. It is only a time waste attempting to solve the problem any other way.
- (e) Your problem may be weighing heavily on you; God will not be moved until you follow the proper procedure. All matters answer to God ordained laws and principles. Your choice determines what you do with the laws of God.

## CONCLUSION

You are a sum total of the choices you make daily. Your marital experiences are manifestations of the choices you make daily. Your financial, health, academic, social and spiritual experiences are all products of your choices. To change your situation, you

have to re-evaluate your decisions and change your conclusions for your actions and reactions to change.

To change choices, you must change the way you think. To make right choices, you need to see and think right. Let your thoughts be patterned after the word of God and you will make the right decisions. Fill your mind and heart with God's word so you can think right and conclude right.

You cannot blame anybody for the choices you make. You will stand before God to defend your choices and action.

Everybody who speaks into your life are only making suggestions and proposition, you make the decisions. So you can't blame them when things don't turn out the way you want and anticipated it to. You are responsible for the consequences of the choices you make.

What you do with this article will determine the course of your life from now on. It is a matter of choice.