

# WHAT YOU NEED IS A DECISION

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Many people do not understand that indecision is their major problem in life – the reason why business is the way it is, marriage is full of trouble, life is full of crisis, situation not getting better and the devil seems to be winning. For some, their problem is wrong decisions – decisions that are contrary to God’s word and will for their lives. It is important that we make right decisions when we need to no matter how tough making those decisions may be.

Decisions move one forward. Decisions position one for change and get help from God and attain success in life. Decision precedes pursuit. No action is taken except a decision is made. No correction is made except a decision is first made. No battle is won except there is first a decision to win. And to win one needs to decide to apply the principles of God that will give victory. Decision terminates oppression. Decision ends frustration. Decision opens closed doors. Decision breaks barriers. Decision makes the face to shine. Decision makes life easier or more difficult. You are responsible for all your decisions, while your decisions determine your experience.

## **1. Your decision determines how things turn out for you in life.**

*Job 22:27-28*

*<sup>27</sup> You will pray to him, and he will hear you, and you will fulfill your vows. <sup>28</sup> What you decide on will be done, and light will shine on your ways.*

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- God respects your decisions and relates with you based on it.
- Your decisions limit God in your life. He will never force Himself or His will on you.
- What you need to do is to make the right decision based on light from God’s word.

## **2. You are the one who decides your fate by the decisions you make.**

*Job 34:33*

*<sup>33</sup> Should God then reward you on your terms, when you refuse to repent?*

*You must decide, not I; so tell me what you know.*

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- God can only relate with you based on your daily choices.
- Until you repent of the errors in your life, nothing will change, and the blessings you seek you will not find.

### **3. Your decisions determine what you get.**

*John 19:24*

*<sup>24</sup> "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing."*

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- Since they could not decide on a particular person to get the robe, they had to cast lots.

### **4. Decisions limits you.**

*Acts 4:21-22*

*<sup>21</sup> After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup> For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.*

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- Your decisions determine what you say and how you say it.
- It determines how you respond or react to certain situations and people.
- Facts aid decisions – the reaction of the people to the healed man affected the decision making process of the Sanhedrin.

### **5. Decision making requires facts.**

- Felix needed to see and hear from Commander Lysias who sent Paul to him to get the actual facts before making a decision on how to handle Paul's matter.

*Acts 24:22-23*

*22 Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the proceedings. "When Lysias the commander comes," he said, "I will decide your case." 23 He ordered the centurion to keep Paul under guard but to give him some freedom and permit his friends to take care of his needs.*

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- Make sure you have sufficient information before you make decisions.
- Read, research, consult and pray before making decisions. This will guarantee right and godly decisions that agree with the will of God for your life.

#### **6. Undecided people never make a move – they never get started**

- Many are undecided and that is why things are going the way they are going in their lives.
- Where are you now? Are you decided on how to relate with God? Are you decided on walking with God in holiness and faith? Are you decided on tithing and giving, soul winning, living a life of forgiveness, love and joy? Have you decided on working for Him and the expansion of His Kingdom here on earth? Or you are still thinking on them or postponing action to a later time?
- Indecision is one of the greatest challenges we have as Christians. It is the undoing of many today.

*Joel 3:14*

*14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.*

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#### **7. Decisions binds people and make them do the impossible and the unthinkable.**

- Decisions precede commitment and pursuit.

*Matt 27:1-2*

*Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. 2 They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.*

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#### **8. General opinion does not have to be your opinion.**

*Luke 23:50-54*

*<sup>50</sup> Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, <sup>51</sup> who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup> Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. <sup>53</sup> Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>54</sup> It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.*

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- You are entitled to your own opinion.
- Stand on the truth. Stand on righteousness.
- Don't join the crowd to do evil.
- Let your decisions be in line with the word of God always.

## **9. Be determined to keep your decisions.**

*Eccl 5:4-7*

*<sup>4</sup> When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. <sup>5</sup> It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it. <sup>6</sup> Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the [temple] messenger, "My vow was a mistake." Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands? <sup>7</sup> Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore stand in awe of God.*

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*Mal 2:13-16*

*<sup>13</sup> Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. <sup>14</sup> You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.*

*<sup>15</sup> Has not [the LORD] made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.*

*<sup>16</sup> "I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment," says the LORD Almighty.*

*So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.*

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2 Tim 2:13

*13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.*

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- Be committed to the daily decisions you make that are in accordance with the will and word of God.
- Be resolute.
- Every action starts with a decision.