

POWER OF CHOICE/DECISION.

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Isaiah 30:21(KJV)

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

The scripture teaches us about how to make decisions. It shows us how important making right and correct decisions is to our future. It talks of a voice we should hear from behind telling this is the way. That voice inside of us, it is not very loud but powerful, it is the voice of the Spirit of God speaking through our conscience. Lean to listen to Him and you will not make mistakes in life. Most regrets we have today emanates from wrong/bad decisions we made in our past.

All good lives we see around are a direct product of good decisions. If you make good decisions today, are building a good future. The Holy Spirit is there to help us to decide well. Our lives are a product of decision. Every day we have to make decisions and those decisions have a direct impact on our future.

Characteristics of good decisions

1. They are not easy to make.

Easy decisions are not always good decisions...be careful! Sometimes painful decisions have led to happiness and success.

Most people who are crying today have chosen to make very easy decisions in their past. Normally easy decisions lead to small outcomes. Be prepared in life to make radical and difficult decisions. All successful people we know had to make very difficult decisions in their lives. It wasn't fashionable for Ruth to follow a widowed Naomi back to her country...it wasn't an easy decision for her but it later proved to be the best. Good decisions are not always easy to make. (Read the book of Ruth).

2. They are not always popular.

Most good decisions are not popular ones. Successful people are those who had the guts to go against popular opinions. Your decision has something to do with your life and future so be bold to make it despite what people will say about it. Don't make people's approval the basis for making your decisions. Be radical, go for what your heart is telling you even if it's against the popular opinion. Don't be afraid to stand alone to defend what you believe. If it turns out bad, it's you who will cry about it, if turns out good, you will enjoy it. Some come from very strong families and communities such that important decisions about their lives have to pass the test set by those institutions but the danger is, they will never grow beyond the limits set by such institutions. Listen carefully, they don't have to understand your decision, they don't have to like it for you to do it. Yes, they may advice, and it's wise to take advice but don't apologize for going against advice and stand on your own decision.

3. Good decisions are not made under pressure of circumstances.

When you are under pressure, delay making life decisions. Sometimes excitement can make you make a decision you will regret in life, when you are angry do not make decisions because you will regret them. Wait until the storm is over. To young women, do not accept a man who rushes you, take your time to make a decision. Good decisions are not made in a rush. When you feel you have to make a decision, pray about it and sleep over it and if you still feel is the best thing to do, then go for it. Do not change your job, church and carrier based on circumstances because they come and go but do so because that's what your inner man is telling you to do. This is called wisdom.

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POWER OF CHOICE/DECISION (PART 2).

Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

At every turn in life, the quality of decisions you make will determine how far you will reach in life. A quality decision is the best investment of your future. Your choices today are more important than any monetary investment that can be given to you. Joshua in this scripture is making a bold and very important decision for him and his family...Today we need to look at the impact of the decisions we make daily in our lives...

Everyone is capable of making a good choice or decision at some point in life but not everyone is able to commit to the decision they have made. Now, decision without commitment is therefore a waste of time. It is easy to pronounce your decision but it will cost you something to commit to it. Commitment is therefore the key factor in decision making.

COMMITMENT.

Commitment is according to me, the cost of every decision one makes. If your decision doesn't cost you then you will soon leave it. Your daily commitment is the price you pay for your choices. I heard a young woman regretting that she had made a decision not to marry the man she got married to but sadly she ended up marrying that person because she couldn't commit to her decision. She said that pressure was too much for her from that guy and she ended up accepting him. She wishes she had committed herself more to her decision. Some have made a decision to live Holy lives, honest lives and never to cheat on their spouses. That is a good decision but if it lacks commitment it's as good as nothing. Choosing is cheap but committing is expensive. Many people have chosen spouses but how many are committed to staying with them happily forever? Don't show me your decision, show me your commitment to it. I will only respect your decision by seeing how much you commit to it.

You have made a decision to pray and serve God daily and be an active player of a local church but somehow along the way you are “losing interest”. The correct explanation to it is you are losing commitment. You need to learn how to build your commitment. (To be discussed in the next episode)

Some people are very talented but talent without commitment is still failure. Do not only depend on talent. Even if you are talented in something, you have to commit yourself daily to see the best results. Talented athletes will have to commit daily to training. God gives you talent, you add skill and commitment to it and then you reap the success.

The pain of commitment is the price you pay for success. You will wake up every day with a temptation to reverse your decision but commitment is what will keep you there. You decide to pray at midnight every day, without commitment you will always cheat on yourself. Commitment doesn't consider your feelings even if you don't feel like it, commitment will tell you to do it. You will wake up not feeling like singing in church or even preaching or praying but commitment will always take you to the place of doing.

It is therefore more important to have a committed person than a talented person. Even in relationships, you are better off with someone who is committed to you than a handsome rich dude who doesn't even care about you. Many ladies have made serious mistakes in this regard.....Commitment is the key thing.

Let's move **HOW TO BUILD COMMITMENT** (tomorrow's episode)

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