

Indecision Is a Decision

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Mark 8:34 *Whoever will come after me...*
Romans 8:6 *To be carnally minded is death*
Romans 8:7 *The sinful nature is always hostile*
2 Cor. 4:6 *God commanded the light to shine*
Matthew 5:16 *Let your light shine before...*
Philippians. 3:8 *I count all things loss for the*
Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through*
Mark 10:30 *We receive a hundredfold now*

1 *Not* deciding to accept Jesus as our Savior and Guide on our way to Paradise, is *deciding* to accept the default of the world's way to the Pit.

2 A definite decision must be made to *accept* and *live* the Truth God has given us.

3 Many say, *I have made a decision for Christ*—but the Christian life goes beyond a one-time statement of receiving Jesus into our heart.

4 Deciding to *follow* Christ means deciding to *obey* His commands and instructions.

5 It means deciding to treat others as we want to be treated; it means seeing spiritual fruit; doing acts of kindness; forgiving anyone who offends us; and it means following His instructions in His Sermon on the Mount **Matthew 5, 6, 7.**

6 *Not* deciding to follow His instructions on Christian living is still a decision to *accept* the default way of living—which is, in reference to the Parable of the Talents **Matthew 25:14-30**, taking the Talent of Truth He has given us and burying it—doing *nothing* with it and seeing *no increase* from it.

7 For those who decide to *follow after Him*, Jesus says—**AV Mark 8:34** “*Whoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*”

8 The carnal mind wants *revenge* against anyone who *harms* them, but the spiritual mind wants *forgiveness* for those who *hurt* them.

9 **Romans 8:6** **AV** “*To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*”

10 *7* *Because the carnal mind is enmity against [hostile to NLT] God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*”

11 Our *decision* must be to always stand for what we *believe* is the Truth from God—which includes responding scripturally to offensive remarks; it means *not* reacting in anger to insults, or when shown no respect, or when hearing a loved one criticized.

12 Instead of *resenting* we are *forgiving* the offender as God enables us to.

13 All such incidents require us to *decide*—pass it off or react in anger—it is *one* or the *other*. The Christian is always ready to *obey* Jesus every time and any time such a situation is met.

14 We are to be ready to give up anything for His sake—especially giving up anger, resentment, wrong attitudes, and revenge.

15 Every *day* we *pray* for spiritual enlightenment. **2 Corinthians 4:6** **AV** “*God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in*

our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

16 The Holy Spirit will remind us to make the *decision* to follow the Scriptures with any situation met. Responding scripturally is not by *our* ability or determination, but because we decided to depend on *God* to *help* us do it.

17 When we *decide* to obey God's Word, we are deciding to *trust* Him for the ability to *meet* wrongs in a scriptural way.

18 When our reaction is according to the Word, the life of Christ is seen by others and giving them the example to make the *same* decision with anything *they* are dealing with.

19 **NIV Matthew 5:16** “*Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*”

20 No matter what *type*, *intensity*, or *severity* of the trial we are going through, we must always make the *decision* to meet it as God says. The trials and triumphs of Old Testament believers were written to encourage us on *our* spiritual journey.

21 **Hebrews 11:32** **AV** “*What shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:*

22 ³³ *Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.*”

23 All these made the decision to *trust God in faith*—no matter *what* they were going through or *what* temptation they faced. God enabled them to keep their *focus* and their *faith* on Him through it all and bringing glory to Him.

24 **Hebrews 11:38** **AV** “*They wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.*”

25 **39** *And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us.*

26 They eventually *triumphed on earth* by entering a *Paradise in Heaven*.

27 We should not desire to *fit in* with the world but desire to *please God* by our decision to do His will. We want to be *right in the eyes of the Lord*—not in the *eyes of the world*.

28 **Philippians 3:8** NKJV *“I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.”*

29 Others are watching how we live, so our Christlike attitude on things we face can inspire them to respond in that same way.

30 When believers in Jesus go through trials, they thank God for the spiritual lesson. **1 Thessalonians 1:3** AV *“Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

31 We could survive *weeks* without food but only *days* without water. Our *spirits* need nourishment as well. Our spirit can survive even years despite loneliness or discouragement, but we cannot live without the *hope* Jesus gives—**Philippians 4:13** *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*

32 No matter what we may be going through, we are to *trust* God and *keep* our faith in Jesus.

33 The resurrection power of God is the *basis* for all victory. **Revelation 12:10** AV *“Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down.”*

34 Making the decision to follow Jesus will be worth all the temporary *persecution* when compared to the eternal environment of *Paradise*.

35 And the rewards are not *all* on the *other* side as God promises blessings on *this* side. **Mark 10:30** We shall *“receive an hundredfold now in this time—and with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.”*

36 The apostle in Athens preached on the resurrection of Jesus, but he received a varied *response* from listeners.

37 Some *mocked* him; some *doubted*; while others *believed*. Not much has changed.

38 When we decide to trust God in faith, and we *reject* the world’s system of self—some will *mock* us; some will *doubt*; and others may *believe*.

39 Regardless of the *response* to our message of Truth, and of our life of trust on God, we are responsible only for ourselves and must *definitely decide* that God’s way is the *only path* to Paradise.

40 *Not* to choose, is still a *choice!* We either choose to *love* and *obey* Jesus, or to *love* and *follow* the world which would keep us in slavery to its wrong attitudes and responses.

41 When we see the *evidence* of creation, we know there is a *Creator*. We then have to make a decision on where does the *evidence* lead us—and it is *always* to *Jesus*—who said **John 8:58**, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.”*

42 King Agrippa told the apostle AV **Acts 26:28** *“Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.”*

43 There are many *almost’s* in life—we *almost* scored that last shot; we *almost* got the answer right; we *almost* decided to attend church—but there are no *almost’s* in the next.

44 We will not *almost* make it to Heaven; we cannot *almost* give our life to God; we do not *almost* meet things right—we either make a definite decision or we do *not*—it is *one* or the *other*.

45 How many, we wonder, were *almost* saved but are now in the lake of fire?

46 AV **1 Kings 18:21** *“Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.”*

47 Everyone has to make a decision—to follow the *world* or to follow the *Lord*—it is *one* or the *other*.

48 We cannot be like the people who would *not decide* when the prophet challenged them—**1 Kings 18:21** *“The people answered him not a word.”*

49 **Indecision is a decision**—many decided *not* to follow the One true God by their silence.

50 Everyone eventually *makes* a decision—by the grace of God may it be to *always* follow our Savior—obeying His words to *love* one another; treating them in a *Christlike* way and *forgiving* every wrong ever done to us!

51 *Three times* this is recorded—**Luke 9:23** AV *“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”*



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