

Today's Decisions

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You must not make excuses for your decisions. Today is a new day and yesterday is over! You must look to the future with faith. I once heard a preacher say, "God cannot do anything in our future unless we take care of the present." Friends, I feel strongly to caution many with this thought, "Today's decisions will follow you into tomorrow."

Our future will always be contingent upon our present obedience. You cannot get away from this principle. It is a Kingdom principle that is always in motion in our lives. Many times we try to ignore what our actions might produce and we cannot thrive this way. A healthy fear of God includes the knowledge of what disobedience might bring. There may be times of temptation or trial when we may forget some of the better reasons for obeying God, and that is when we had better stop and think of the consequences (Exodus 20:20).

The Bible uses the word fear at least 300 times in reference to God. Scripture is full of examples of how fearing God through obedience is a positive thing rather than a negative thing and how it shapes our character.

We must give thought to the results of our actions before we do them. Can I tell you something? You must be more interested in obeying God above all things. We must be people of an uncompromising obedience regardless of what situations we may face in life. Obedience is essential in doing the will of God.

Obedience is an inflexible adherence to God's standard and carries a silent code of excellence concerning actions or behavior. Obedience is an inward desire that motivates a person's character with qualities that manifest outwardly at different times.

Did you know persons with godly character choose to live a life of obedience by God's standard regardless of what it costs them? Obedience is **HARD** to maintain but it can be done. Obedience embraces heavenly principles when surrounded by worldly behaviors.

Today is a call to evaluate the condition of your obedience. What are you pursuing? Pursuing obedience is your choice and your choice alone. Remember, a person of obedience in today's decisions determine tomorrow's circumstances.

You can look at Genesis 3 and Romans 5:12. Think about Jacob (Genesis 3). He lied and that lie followed him his whole life! Saul was appointed King over Israel and with one choice he lost it all (1 Samuel 9:6-7).

Wow...your obedience today is the key that decide whether you receive God's blessings or consequences in your life.

God always offers forgiveness to those who repent. Some of you need to repent over a decision or behavior. Repenting changes us. Repenting helps us to be more like our loving God! So remember- Today's decisions will follow you into tomorrow.

Heavenly Father,

Forgive me Lord, for the times that I lack obedience, and I am overcome by the world. May I walk in obedience before You in the midst of temptation, obstacles, challenges and the trials of this life.

I rest in Your sovereignty and hope in Your Name as I walk out each day. I trust in Your name alone to help me and save me. For You have searched me and You know me and everything about me. Even before I speak a single word, You know it. There isn't any place that I can go where You are not there.

You know all my ways and every thought I have. Forgive me Lord, for I know that I have kept parts of my heart hidden and distant from You. I have been at times disobedient in my thinking, lazy and undisciplined. Lord, I want to love You with all of my mind. Yet, I know I have weakness and confess that I am not sure that I know what obeying You with all of my strength even looks like. Father I ask that Your Word would dwell in me richly, that I would overflow with Your Word. Lord, I ask that Your Word will become my only standard as it spurs continual obedience in my life. I ask you to destroy the excuses that I give for my sin and conform me to the image of Your precious son Jesus! Help me be one who faithfully obeys You. Lord I surrender all I am to You today and pray that I may walk in newness of love and humble obedience all the days of my life. In Jesus name I pray,