

## V. DECISIONS DETERMINE CONSEQUENCES

*1 It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.*

*2 Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.*

*3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"*

*4 Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.*

*5 And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."*

II Samuel 11:1-5

## VI. DECISIONS DETERMINE ETERNITY

*"23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.*

*24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,*

*25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,*

*26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward."*

Hebrews 11:23-26

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## HOW TO MAKE GREAT DECISIONS Decisions Today Determine Life Tomorrow Pastor Steve Reynolds

### INTRODUCTION

- A.** Google is great at helping you make great decisions, but God is greater! How many times have you said to others and yourself, "I just don't know what to do!" Let's face it we all struggle at times with decision making. God promises you divine direction!

*"5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;*

*6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."*

Proverbs 3:5-6

- B.** The How To Make Great Decisions teaching series will help you find divine direction and overcome the stress of decision making. It will show you God's way to make great decisions that lead to increased joy and a brighter future. This seven part series features the following messages:

Oct 20	God's Promise Of Divine Direction
TODAY	Decisions Today Determine Life Tomorrow
Nov 3	The Best Place To Get Guidance
Nov 10	Your Three Most Important Decisions
Nov 17	Guidelines For Great Decisions
Nov 24	Helping Your Children Make Great Decisions
Dec 1	What To Do After A Bad Decision

- C. Text:** Galatians 6:7-9 (Pew Bible/Page 1145/New Test.)

The law of **sowing** and **reaping** is the most powerful law. This passage reveals three components about this law:

- You answer to **God** for what you sow (6:7a).
- You reap what you **sow** (6:7b-8).
- You will reap the good things if you do not **quit** (6:9).

## DECISIONS TODAY DETERMINE LIFE TOMORROW

### I. DECISIONS DETERMINE CHARACTER

*“1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”*

*2 And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;*

*3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”*

*4 Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.*

*5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

*6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

*7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.”* Genesis 3:1-7

### II. DECISIONS DETERMINE HAPPINESS

*“1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;*

*2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.*

*4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.*

*5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.*

*6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.”* Psalm 1:1-6

### III. DECISIONS DETERMINE OTHERS

*“14 “Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!*

*15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of]the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*

*16 So the people answered and said: “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods;*

*17 for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed.*

*18 And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God.”* Joshua 24:14-18

### IV. DECISIONS DETERMINE IMPACT

*“11 Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.*

*12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom.*

*13 But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.*

*14 And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward;*

*15 for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.*

*16 And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.”*

Genesis 13:11-16