

# The Decisions We Make



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- You have a choice.

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- This is to encourage us to think through each decision we make.

# Trigger Verses

What will you trigger with your choices?

# What will it be?





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- Blessing or Cursing.

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- Deut. 30:19

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

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- If, then; if, then; if, then...

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- God has given us a treasure map to enjoy this life.

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- This is as real as it gets!

# Definition

## *Trigger*

- *Verb*
  - Cause (an event or situation) to happen or exist.
  - Start (an event or situation) to set in motion.

# Example

Genesis 2:17

Activated by

Genesis 3:6



A few decisions we make  
throughout our lives

Decision #1

# Honoring Your Parents

# Decision #1 (2)

Proverbs 30:17

Ephesians 6:2-3



Decision #2

Marriage in the  
LORD

# Decision #2 (2)

Ecclesiastes 7:26

Proverbs 18:22



Decision #3

Child Training

# Decision #3 (2)

Proverbs 29:15

Proverbs 22:6



Decision #4

Dilligence



# Decision #4 (2)

Proverbs 10:4a

Proverbs 10:4b



Decision #5

Bitterness

# Decision #5 (2)

James 3:14-16

Matthew 5:7-9



Decision #6

Godly Friends

# Decision #6 (2)

Proverbs 13:20

Psalm 1:1



Decision #7

Speech

# Decision #7 (2)

James 3:6

Proverbs 21:23



# Decision #8

# Faith



# Decision #8 (2)

I Corinthians 15:19

Hebrews 11



Decision #9

Denying  
Yourself

# Decision #9 (2)

Luke 9:24a

Luke 9:24b



# Decision #10

# Kingdom of God

# Decision #10 (2)

Matthew 7:23

Matthew 6:33



# Additional Decisions

- Alcohol
- Authority
- Charity
- Prayer
- Career Planning
- Government
- Hobbies
- Attitude

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- Use your resources.

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Will you stop and think about your next decision?

# Additional Material

- <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/practical/making-wise-decisions.php>
- <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/making-wise-decisions2.pdf>
- <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/choices.pdf>
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