

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: ~ The real purpose of our existence is not to make a living but to make a life--a worthy, well-rounded, useful life. Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. ~Apples of Gold, by Jo Petty, p. 58

DECISION TIME

Every day we make decisions. From these decision our life will be lived out. It is important therefore, to make positive decisions that line up with the Word of God. We cannot claim that we were ignorant and had no understanding of what the will of the Lord is, if we are seeking Him daily. The Word tells us in Romans 8:28 *that we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

Beloved, it is time for us to make “*quality*” decisions. Not matter what problems we are facing, we should carefully consider what God thinks about the situation. When we look at the problem(s) with an open heart and mind and with the light of God’s Word, we will come to God’s conclusion; we were wrong—God was right. Satan often uses lies to draw us into making wrong decisions that can impact our life and the lives of those around us for years to come. A teacher once told me to be aware of the lies of the enemy. He said that the Devil has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.

Hebrews 10:22 can be a main stay for Christians in life’s situations. It clearly warns us of the danger of harboring wrong and evil thoughts. The Word doesn’t leave us hanging there, but also shows us what the condition of our hearts should be—thus, assuring victory—*let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.* God’s truth chases away the lies of the enemy as the Word breaks our *stinkin thinking*, and we are brought back into *right thinking*. It is imperative that we line up our thoughts with the Word of God and our actions will follow suit.

You can dance around this scripture as much as you want, but at some point, you will have to face the truth of the matter. God is clearly telling the believer that the “blood” sprinkles our heart from an evil conscience and the Word washes our body. That is great news. It is promising news. It gives us hope as His child. It is a “*given*” as to what needs to happen. God always provides a way out of difficult situations and guides us to make proper decisions, if we search His Word for the truth that will set us free. John 8:32 (NLT) tells us that *you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.* God then seals it with this truth in verse 36 (NKJV), *Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed*

I read a quote years ago and its truth hit my heart like a sledge hammer. I wrote it down and put it in my *keep* file for later use. I came across it the other day and it seemed a good fit for this writing. *Let us realize that what happens round us is largely outside our control, but that the way we choose to react to it is inside our control*—proper decision making—proper attitude. Plan your work with God and then work your plan.

Stay in God’s presence and God will reveal Himself to you. Seek His heart as to your decision making. Learn to operate as a partner with God. It is better to know you are in one accord with God than to try and fight the battles alone. Left to your own devices, you often make hasty decisions that open you up to painful consequences. Partnered with God, sometimes our decisions are still painful, but we have our Father by our side to ease the pain and guide us through to victory. I want to hear God’s heart. I want to know that I am moving in the will of God. I want my life to glorify Him in all I do. I want to be His delight.

As God's partner, I have confidence that He will give me His Word and anoint me by His Spirit. Together, we will make right decisions. Father, let my part help to improve the present moment.

ALL LIVING THINGS

The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The LORD preserveth all them that love him; but all the wicked will he destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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