

Choices in Life

Everyone, from time to time, will have a period of reflection when they look back on the choices they have made in their life. It sometimes gives us good feelings as it brings back old memories. We look at the old family albums or maybe the old high school yearbook and remember those we loved and cared about through the years. We think about what kind of influence they might have had on our lives and we remember mostly the good things - a school teacher, a Sunday school teacher, a coach, or someone who meant something special to us. Of course, mothers and fathers are high on the list also. Most of us will say we were blessed in some way having known these special people.

As we go through our lives, develop friendships, and get involved with others, we need to be careful about choosing our friends and those with whom we get involved because their influence may not be in our best interest. I Corinthians 15:33 reads, "Do not be deceived: Bad company ruins good morals." We need to be very careful choosing with whom we associate. Keep in mind the warning from Peter in I Peter 5:8, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

In our younger days, we all thought we were invincible. We can do anything and do not need anyone, especially any advice. As we grow older and look back on those days, we realize how little we really knew and how hard it was to overcome some of the mistakes we made due to bad choices. Just one bad choice can ruin your life. Peer pressure can be a great and dangerous influence on us so we need to surround ourselves with Christian friends with good morals and high standards. Keep in mind, Jesus and your church family are some of the best friends you will have as you travel through your life's journey. Jesus has set forth the rules you need in order to have the best life possible and your church family is traveling along the same road as you – with the same problems and the same joys. Do not be afraid to ask for their help or to offer your help as you journey down the Christian road together.

For the elders,
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