

with *Uncle Pee.*

Weigh Your Choices Because They Could Make Or Mar You

TEXT: Acts 5 v1-10

The decisions of yesterday impact today and today's decisions will doubtlessly affect tomorrow. Your choices have the capacity of making or marring you that is the reason you should weigh them fittingly. The Oxford dictionary defines choice as an act of choosing between two or more possibilities the right or ability to choose, a range of possibilities. Life is filled with options, choices or decisions with their proportionate consequences. Every day we make choices ranging from where we go, what we eat, clothes we wear, who to marry, where to live and so on.

In other words, at every stage of our lives we make choices. Choices are very important and the need to make a good choice can never be overemphasized. Choices are life changing. Where you are today is the accumulation of all the choices you have made. Therefore, as you make choices in your everyday life be mindful because your choices have a very big impact on your life. Choices are generally made based on needs, desires, goals information and more. However, certain elements such as pressure, fear, impatience, self-will, faithlessness, disobedience, deception, greed, disregard to God's word, overthinking the future, satanic forces most times influence our decisions. The only way we can make the best and good decision is by allowing God's word and spirit to influence our choices. It is only then that you will be fulfilled and happy on earth and also have eternal hope. There are grave consequences for wrong choices and you will be responsible for your choice always. The tragedy of wrong choices. The Bible tells us about people who made diverse choices and the consequences. Some of them weigh their choices bringing it to the scrutiny of God's word and spirit before choosing while some others sidelined God's commandments choosing what their depraved mind prompted them to choose. Let us take a look at some individuals who made wrong choices even though they were men and women who knew God before they made those decisions. Let us say maybe they became too familiar with God pushed him aside and make their Choices. Unfortunately, those choices marred their e life. While some survived after so much suffering some did not survive to tell their stories.

1. Adam and Eve being the first human they lived in the garden of Eden. They enjoyed a warm physical fellowship with God every day yet they chose to disobey the instruction. They yielded to the lust of the eyes and flesh and altered the world negatively. Sickness, pain sorrow, and death came as they lost divine dominion over the world. Till today we still live with the repercussions of their choices (**Genesis 3 vs 1:24**)

2. Abraham and Sarah. This couple was childless for a long enough period to be perturbed but they needed not to because they had a promise from the Almighty God who called them to himself. But the internal agitation of Sarah made Abraham to succumb to her suggestion to lay with her Maiden Hagar to give him a child. A child was eventually born but the family never remained peaceful as his birth and existence set off a generational crisis (**Genesis 16 vs 1:16**) and (**Genesis 21 vs 1:21**)

3. The young prophet. He was a beloved man of valor whom the Almighty God saddled with a responsibility. He was given specific instruction, no eating, no drinking on his

missionary trip. Rather than sticking to God's instruction, he chose to obey the crafty abandoned old prophet to the detriment of a promising future in God's service. He never lived to tell his story (**1 Kings 13 vs 1:30**)

4. Ananias and Sapphira: it is admirable when couples agree to accomplish great things but these couple agree to tow the wrong path. They choose to deceive the holy spirit by lying. The holy spirit exposes them to peter and he fearsome death sentence was passed on them. (**Acts 5 vs 1:10**)

5. Elimelech and Naomi: they chose to leave the promised land during farming in pursuit of greener pastures but they ended up in a cursed nation. The family suffered a devastating, bereavement shook the family leaving Naomi a childless widow. She lost her husband and two sons in Moab (**Ruth 1vs 1:22**) her wrong choices dealt with her and not the Lord. Irrespective of whoever or whatever influences your decision there will always be a regret at the end of the wrong choice that is if you live to tell the story. Weigh your choices, ensure that you are not making that choice because of some of the reasons highlighted earlier. In all cases engage the spirit of God on whatever decision you have to make and align them with God's word and will.

The All-inclusive Choice

Any choice we make must affects as positively or negatively. However, there is a crucial choice and decision we must make in life that is capable of refocusing our lives and redirecting our destiny. This is the decision to choose Christ as our Lord, savior and captain over our lives this is the only choice with a far reaching benefits that transcends this life into eternity. If I may ask have you made Jesus Christ, the son of God Your choice? if you haven't then you can do that now. You will lose nothing by deciding for him but you lose everything when you reject him, he promised to give you rest both on this earth and eternal's 28

What do you gain when you choose Jesus?

1. Salvation: God Forgives you your sin and completely sets you free from its consequences. (1 John 1:9)

2. Other spiritual blessings: you have the power of son ship, the name and blood of Jesus Christ, sanctification, baptism, God's promises and many more. (**John 1:12, 1 John 1:9**)

3. Redemption from ruin crowning you with his love and compassion. God rewrite your ruined destiny brought about by a sinful lifestyle and overwhelm you with love (**Psalm 103:4**)

4. Healing and deliverance (**Psalm 107:20**)

5. Supply of all needs spiritual, material etc (**Phil 4:19**)

6. Divine Guidance through the holy Spirit and his word, if you walk in the spirit and allow God's word to influence you, you will never make a wrong decision

7. Eternal habit Heaven. You will end up with him in heaven (**Mark 10:30**)

