

“THE POWER OF VOLITION”

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VOLITION = THE POWER OF _____

“Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: ‘Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?’ ‘Why do you call me good?’ Jesus asked him. ‘Only God is truly good. But to answer your question, you know the commandments: “You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother.”’ The man replied, ‘I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.’ When Jesus heard his answer, he said, ‘There is still one thing you haven’t done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’ But when the man heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich.” – LUKE 18:18-23

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE ABOUT THIS STORY?

→ Choices _____

“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life.” – DEUT. 30:19-20

“Don’t you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.” – ROM. 6:16

“Every thought we hold, every decision we make, every action we take, every emotion we allow to shape our behavior, every response we make to the world around us,

every relationship we enter into, every reaction we have toward the things that surround us and impinge upon our lives—all of these things, little by little, are shaping us into some kind of being.” M. ROBERT MULHOLLAND

“Every choice we make places a door in front of us that opens an unfolding pathway.”

- Our today choices determine our _____ destinations

A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR MAKING GOOD CHOICES

1. Believe that God wants the _____ for you

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” – JER. 29:11

2. Be attentive to God’s _____

[Jesus] “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” – JN. 10:27

3. Beware of _____ voices

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” – ROM. 12:2

4. Weigh the _____

“Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.” – PROV. 22:1

5. Think about your _____

“There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.” – PROV. 14:12