

The KEY to making the best decisions, avoiding the consequences of poor decisions, and alleviating decision fatigue is to...

Make good _____!

"The decisions we make today determine the stories we tell tomorrow." – CRAIG GROESCHEL

"Saying yes to one thing is saying no to another." – ANDY STANLEY

THE BIG IDEA: Determine ahead of time what will govern your behavior in your daily life and in specific situations

In [this specific situation],
I'm going to [take this specific action].

One good pre-decision can prevent a host of poor decisions. Why decide in the moment if you can decide in advance?

THREE FAITH PRE-DECISIONS to consider as you begin a new season of life...

1. Make spiritual growth a _____ and a _____

"Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation." – 1 PET 2:2

- Spiritual growth is an _____
- Spiritual growth _____
- Spiritual growth _____

2. Spend _____ with God and His people

[JESUS] "Remain ['continue to be present'] in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." – JOHN 15:4-5

- Read your _____ often
- Make weekly _____ a priority
- Carve out space to _____
- _____ in a ministry

3. Resolve to _____ for God

"Be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." – 2 PET 3:17-18

- Let what you _____ determine your schedule
- Build your life on _____ not _____
- Decide ahead of time not to get _____

GOD'S GRACIOUS PRE-DECISION

"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure." – EPH 1:3-5