

## **This Week's Message: Choice**

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**Choice: n. 1. the act of choosing: selection 2. the right, power or chance to choose; option 3. a person or thing chosen 4. the best or most preferable part 5. a variety from which to choose 6. a supply that is well chosen 7. an alternative.**

Choice is what sets humans apart from all other species. They are driven by instinct. We get to use our minds to make choices.

You get to choose your college and your major, your place of residence, your spouse, your job, your future. You get to choose what you will wear and what you will drive. You get to choose your personal style and your friends. Choice presents enough possibilities to make your head spin. Whew!

But as great as it is to have choices, it's also a huge responsibility. Instinct doesn't make a criminal rob a bank or commit a murder. Choice does. Instinct doesn't account for wars. Choice does.

How do YOU make choices? Are you impulsive? Are you an analyzer? Do choices frighten you or do you welcome them?

Many people will try to make choices for you. Advice is great, but if it is your choice to make, do it yourself...for yourself.

Along the way there are bound to be times when you make a bad choice...or one that turns out to be troublesome. It's painful, but the good news is, you also have the choice to reverse that choice. Remember, "No one learns to make right decisions without being free to make wrong ones."

### **Week's Quotes:**

*"There is a time when we must finally choose the course we will follow, or the relentless drift of events will make the decision."* Herbert V. Prochnow

*"We make our decisions, and then our decisions turn around and make us."* R.W. Boreham.

*"Sign at the crossroads in a southwestern state: 'Be careful which road you choose-you'll be on it for the next 200 miles.'"*

*"Once the facts are clear, the decision jumps at you."* Peter F. Drucker.

*"Regardless of circumstances, each man lives in a world of his own making."* Joseph Murray Emms.

*"The power of choice must involve the possibility of error-that is the essence of choosing."* Herbert L. Samuel.

*"No choice is also a choice."*

*"He who insists on seeing with perfect clearness before he decides never decides."* Henri Frederic Amiel.

*"In every success story, you find someone has made a courageous decision."* Peter F. Drucker.

*"Making a decision, even a bad one, is better than making no decision at all."* Jesse Aweida.