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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Choices

"The strongest principle of growth lies in human choice." – George Eliot

"The difficulty in life is the choice." – George Moore, *The Bending of the Bough*, 4

"One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes...and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility." – Eleanor Roosevelt

"There are two primary choices in life: to accept the conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them." – Denis Waitley

"I think most people are not willing to make the tough choices." – Rick Scott

Choices are part of life. We make them, and notably sometimes we don't make the best choices. But when it comes to God, we either choose to follow Him, or the devil.

Moses challenged Israel, "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live" (Deut. 30:19). We have Joshua's courageous words, "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Josh. 24:15). When on Mt. Carmel, "And Elijah came to all the people, and said, 'How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.' But the people answered him not a word" (1 Kings 18:21).

Jesus made us aware of a choice when He said, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" (Matt. 6:24).

The choice to follow Jesus is the greatest and wisest decision that any person can make. What so many people fail to realize, is that by not making a choice to follow Christ, they have already chosen the wrong master.

Obedience to our Lord is a clear indication that one has made the right choice. Remember the sad words of Jesus, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

If you have never made the choice to follow Jesus, now is the time (2 Cor. 6:2).