

TimeChrist on Earth



Choices of Bible Characters

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Every day we make many decisions, most of which are routine such as what we eat or wear and where we go. Occasionally man's choices result in unexpected joy and happiness while others bring disappointment and heartache. Often, we are called upon to make major choices that affect entire family relationships which could involve religion, jobs with possible relocation, or life-and-death matters. Probably all of us have known individuals who have made some bad decisions and others who have made some good decisions. Regardless of whether good or bad our choices have some type of consequence.

The following are some examples in the Bible of:

Decisions -	Consequences
◦ Adam & Eve eat the forbidden fruit -	Death, pain, and banned from Eden
◦ Cain offered an unacceptable sacrifice -	Reprimanded by God
◦ Cain killed his brother -	Became a marked wanderer
◦ Noah built the ark -	Considered righteous & saved man
◦ Abraham sacrificed his son -	Received promises
◦ Moses chose God -	Became the leader of a great nation
◦ Mary desired to be used by God –	The birth of Jesus who became our sin sacrifice
◦ Judas betrayed Jesus for money -	Committed suicide
◦ Paul repented, obeyed, and was baptized -	Became the Apostle to the Gentiles

Each day we face choices involving our growth in the knowledge of God and in our understanding of how we can obey his commands so we can please Him. Consider the following:

- **Will we be honest in our business, family, and spiritual life?**
- **Will we be faithful to our self, spouse, and children?**
- **Will we control our minds, eyes, and tongues?**
- **Will we give thanks to God in all things?**
- **Will we humble ourselves and obey God so we can be reconciled to Him?**

Questions

1. Every decision in life is a major decision.
 - True
 - False
2. Often our decisions have major consequences on our lives.
 - True
 - False

3. Bible examples of choices reveal that choices of disobedience bring pain and sadness while choice of obedience brings joy and happiness.

- True
- False

4. Since one does not have total control over what he sees and hears, he is forced to linger on them.

- True
- False

5. People have a choice in who they accept and obey.

- True
- False

Answers to Questions

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. True