
INTRODUCTION

How many decisions do you make in a typical day? When you stop to think about it, you make thousands of choices, usually without too much forethought. Of course, most of these choices are relatively small ones, like what to do at a given moment, or what to say, or how to direct your thoughts. Occasionally, you will face major decisions, like choosing to be a Christian, or choosing a profession, or choosing a spouse. But whatever choices you face, whether they're big, little, or somewhere in between, you can be sure of this: the quality of your choices will make an enormous difference in the quality of your life.

Your choices are shaped by your priorities. Simply put, your priorities determine, to a surprising extent, the quality of the decisions you make and the direction that your life will take. And that's why the ideas in this book are so important.

This book addresses Christian values that can—and should—shape your life. You may find it helpful to read the book from cover to cover, or you may decide to scan the Table of Contents and then turn to chapters that seem particularly important to you. Either way, the ideas on these pages will serve to remind you of God's commandments, God's promises, God's love, and God's Son—all things that are crucially important as you establish priorities for the next stage of your life's journey.

Whose values do you hold most dear: society's values or God's values? When you decide to make God's priorities your priorities, you will receive His abundance and His peace. When you make God a full partner in every aspect of your life, He will

lead you along the proper path: His path. When you allow God to direct your steps, He will honor you with spiritual blessings that are simply too numerous to count. So, as you make your next important decision, pause to consider the values that serve as the starting point for that decision. When you do, your decision-making will be vastly improved . . . and so will your life.

*Jesus Christ is the first and last, author and finisher,
beginning and end, alpha and omega,
and by Him all other things hold together.
He must be first or nothing. God never comes next!*

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