

7 Decisions That Will Shape Your Future



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Where we are today is largely a product of the decisions we have made (good or bad) over time. This means that the key catalyst for transformation in our lives isn't a change of the date on the calendar but the decisions we make.

If we want the coming year to be different, we must be ready to do things differently.

This series we are looking at 7 key decisions that will determine our success in the seasons to come, trusting that the Holy Spirit will bring wisdom, understanding, clarity and transformation as we go on this journey.



Day 1

Build Your Faith

“So Jesus said to them, “...for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20

“Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.” Hebrews 10:38

As believers we all have a measure of faith given to us by God (Rom 12:3), what we do with that measure is left to us to decide. We can either decide to stay with the measure we were given, reduce or increase it. Faith is critical to our walk with God because we’re supposed to live by faith. Which means the life of a believer is a faith walk. Our ability to walk with the Holy Spirit is directly determined by the level of faith we have and our willingness to invest in building our faith.

“And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.”

Hebrews 11:6

Faith is the foundation of our ability to please God because it’s by faith we believe that God exists and that He is both willing and able to do everything He says He will do. Faith isn’t logical so it often challenges our natural mind and logical thinking. We must be intentional about building our faith because everything around us often contends with a faith perspective.

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17

“...The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.” John 6:63

“...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;” Ephesians 6:17

God in His wisdom and mercy has given us the way to build faith: through His word. The more we invest in reading, studying and meditating on the word, the more we’re watering the seed of faith in us so that it takes root and bears fruit in our lives. The enemy knows how powerful the word of God and will do everything possible to water down its impact in our lives. Have you noticed that it’s when you decide to spend time in the word of God that all manner of distractions come including sleep. It’s all a design of the enemy to keep us from building our faith because a faith filled believer is unstoppable.

Prayer: Holy Spirit give me a hunger to spend time with the Bible. Help me gain a deeper understanding of the Father and open my eyes to see something new about You that I’ve never seen before. Correct any lies or anything I misunderstand and help me grow in faith daily



Day 2

Choose to Excel

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14, 16

Everything is created to solve a problem and the same applies to us. Every single one of us has inbuilt within us the solutions to many problems on this side of eternity. But if we don't realise this we will live less than our God given capacity. God has already made us light so He's done His part. The Bible makes it clear that it's our responsibility to let this light within us shine. The extent to which we allow the light shine is the extent to which people will give God glory.

“For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.” Romans 8:19

We live in a fallen world and due to its nature there are many issues everywhere across every sphere and geography. Locked within us is the answer to specific problems we've been designed to solve. Every assignment is geographical, time bound and targeted at specific demographics. Joseph solved a national economic problem for Egypt and Israel, Bezaleel solved construction and decorative problems in building the temple. Daniel solved administrative problems in Babylon. Deborah solved a military problem. Zechariah and Elizabeth solved the problem of birthing and training John the Baptist so there would be a forerunner for Jesus.

“Whatever you do, do well...” Ecclesiastes 9:10

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.” Colossians 3:23

Our assignments will not all be at the same scale and level of visibility, but that doesn't make it any less important to God's agenda. We have a choice regarding how we choose to respond and excellence is a decision. Even if we don't know God's assignment for us, whatever we find ourselves doing we should be exemplary. We shouldn't wait until we have a “big” assignment or if be concerned if what we're doing now isn't visible to people, God sees us and the one who sees in secret decides how to position us for our next based on how we treat our “now”.

Prayer: Lord I choose to be excellent in all I put my hands to. Help me to focus on shining Your light in all I do and let me demonstrate excellence in every area so that my life will be a platform to showcase Your glory



Day 3

Honouring God's Principles

"God has transmitted his very substance into every Scripture, for it is God-breathed. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness." 2 Timothy 3:16 TPT

The Bible contains 3 Ps: promises, prophecies and principles. Promises tell us what God is committed to doing for us. Prophecies tell us what is to come so we're prepared for what the future holds. Principles teach us how to live in a way that honours God and positively impacts our lives.

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." Psalms 119:105

High end equipment always comes with a user manual, a document from the manufacturer detailing how to use and maintain the equipment in order to get the best results out of it. God designed us and knowing what He's put in us and the conditions within which we will have to function, He's given us a series of principles to live by that will ensure we benefit both here and in eternity.

"Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions." Psalms 119:18

We have free will and can choose whether we will follow God's principles or not. Our natural tendency may be to resist because we'd like to live life on our own terms without any seeming constraints, but choosing to honour His principles is one of the wisest things we can do for ourselves for the simple reason that the Bible contains principles for everything from business to parenting to help us get the best out of our life experiences - there's no facet of life that's excluded.

The Bible is divided into 8 broad categories: the Pentateuch, Historical books, Poetic/Wisdom books, Prophetic books, the four Gospels, Acts, the Epistles and Revelation. One of the ways to identify a principle is to search these books because God made sure that every principle in the Bible shows up in some form in all these categories. If there's an area we want to gain insight on, we should check what the Bible says across these books and we will find consistency in the principle for us to practice.

Prayer: Lord open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions, help me become intentional about searching out and living according to Your principles in every area of my life.



Day 4

Seek Out The Right Mentors

“The instruction of the wise is like a life-giving fountain; those who accept it avoid the snares of death.” Proverbs 13:14

Our decisions are based on the information that’s available to us at the time, and the information we have is limited to what we’re exposed to. Having the right mentors in life is a game changer as mentors act as a compass pointing us in the right direction based on their experience.

We have a finite amount of time here on earth and having the right mentors shortens the journey of living by trial and error as we get the benefit of learning from the successes and failures of others without having to make the same mistakes. Wherever we’re going, someone has already gone ahead in some form which makes it important to find these persons who are generating results God’s way.

“And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.” 1 Corinthians 11:1

The Bible tells us there’s good success which means that there’s a clear distinction between what the world defines as success and what success is from God’s perspective. For most people the end justifies the means, but with God the journey is often more important than the destination. This is why seeking a mentor shouldn’t be based purely on the results generated, the principles followed are very important. It’s in the spirit of this that Paul told the church in Corinth to follow him as he followed Christ.

Jesus is the ultimate mentor as He’s given us the template for life. Examples of the application in different areas (career, business, relationships, etc.) are available to us through the lives of others. It could be through direct interaction, through books or other audio-visual material. Given its sensitivity and importance finding a mentor requires intentionality in the place of prayer to connect to the right person. Getting the best out of a mentor also demands a willingness to follow through on the advice, guidance and instructions provided. Are you struggling in any way? Ask the Lord to connect you to the mentor(s) you need in this season.

Prayer: Lord connect me to the mentors I need for each season of my life. Open my eyes to see them and grant me favour before them so they will be supportive of my success according to Your plan.



Day 5

Look for Divine Rewards in Battles

“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.” James 1:2

There are some tough things the Bible tells us, one of which is to look for joy in troubles. For most, if not all of us our preference is not to experience any trouble at all. And should we experience them, for the trouble to end as quickly and painlessly as possible. But one of the things about life is that we grow through challenges not comfort. So locked within every battle is an opportunity for growth and reward.

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment...” Romans 5:3-5

We may not be able to choose the battles we’re going to be faced with, but we choose who we become on the other side of the battles. We have a choice to either see the battle as a challenge that will overwhelm us, or a platform that will take us higher in wisdom, character, knowledge and much more. The version of us that emerges from a challenge is stronger and more capable to boldly and confidently take on more things. This is why we’re encouraged not to focus on the battles, but what the battle is producing in us.

Adversaries will show up, challenges will confront us, but let’s never lose sight of the fact that if we permit Him, God will strengthen us through it all and use the trouble as a catalyst to prepare us for a greater tomorrow.

Prayer: Lord change my perspective of challenges. Help me see the higher version of myself that will emerge from every battle so I don’t lose my joy or the opportunity for growth and divine rewards the battle presents.



Day 6

Invest in a Relationship with the Holy Spirit

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—” John 14:16 AMPC

We who have been adopted into God’s family as His children have a unique advantage in the person of the Holy Spirit. He is a distinct personality who God has gifted us with to help us in our earthly journey. We often think of the Holy Spirit strictly in terms of our helper in prayer but He is so much more. When we invest in a relationship with Him we gain access to benefits on both sides of eternity.

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.” Romans 8:14

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.” John 16:13

According to God’s design believers are supposed to live by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows God’s heart, plans for us and agenda per time so He’s uniquely positioned to lead us so we’re always in alignment with God in every area. He will tell us what’s on God’s mind and His view concerning steps we want to take. He will also tell us about the future. Imagine being a business person who knows the trends to come and positions accurately for it in advance. Imagine knowing in advance who tomorrow partner with in life or business. Imagine knowing exactly which option to take that will lead to the best outcome. Imagine being able to pray exactly what is on God’s heart. These are just a tiny bit of what the Holy Spirit makes available to us in His role.

“I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.” Ephesians 3:16

The Holy Spirit also knows there will be tough times in our lives even if we’re aligned with God’s will, so He strengthens us to endure through those seasons through His unlimited strength. As we let Him lead, He gives us the capacity to enlarge our spheres of spiritual influence according to God’s plan. This is why we can go from glory to glory, which won’t be possible in our own strength.

He keeps us free from deception especially in the times we’re in where truth seems to be fluid, He is the spirit of truth who makes God’s position on every matter clear and emboldens us to stand for The truth. The best thing we can do for ourselves is to intentionally invest in our relationship with Him so we can give Him room to make us all God designed us to be.

Prayer: Holy Spirit I acknowledge Your presence in my life. I apologise for the times I have grieved You and ask that You please lead me on this journey. Help me be sensitive to Your promptings and obedient to Your instructions so I am constantly led by You in every decision



Day 7

Become A Kingdom Advancer

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10

Believers may come from different backgrounds and have different gifting but one thing common to us all is that we’re all uniquely equipped to contribute to the advancement of the kingdom of God. Some of us may erroneously believe that it’s only people serving in church or behind a pulpit that are advancing God’s kingdom but that’s not true. We have all been created to function as light in various areas not just in a church setting.

“Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.” 1 Peter 4:11

“Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.” Romans 14:12

We all have something to contribute to God’s work here on earth which is why every one of us is called to be an active contributor to the kingdom. In doing so we receive the personal fulfilment which comes from walking in alignment with our purpose. We also prepare ourselves for giving an account to the Lord for our time here on earth. This doesn’t mean we are saved by our works. The emphasis is on our choosing to function as mature believers who actively seek God’s face to understand how we can contribute what He’s already given us to drive His agenda.

Prayer: Lord I thank You for the gifts spiritual and material that You have blessed me with. I ask that You open my eyes and give me understanding of how to consistently use them to drive Your agenda in the spheres You’ve positioned me. Help me grow in maturity so Your priorities become my priorities. Let Your light shine through me and my life bring You glory, drawing people to You.



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