Making Good Choices

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INTRODUCTION

- Life is a series of choices, is it not?
- Life altering choices are made at a young age. Your choice of education, your choice of vocation, your choice of a spouse.
- Many times the choice whether or not to become a Christian is made at a very young age. And those choices are important.

1 Good Choices Are Often Difficult

Luke 14:25–33

- Daniel's entire life is proof of this first point that good choices are often difficult to make.
- In all four cases, that threat of death could have been completely avoided by making other choices.
- If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, in his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.
- There's no fine print with God at all. God says, you want to serve me, it's going to cost you.
- Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is doing what's right in the face of fear.
- We need men and women of courage who will stand up for what is right, do what is right, no matter what.

2 Making Good Choices Starts With Making Good Choices

Daniel 2:17–19; Daniel 3:12

- Making good choices starts with making good choices.
- When you read the first five chapters of Daniel, you're not surprised that he made the right choice. Because his life had been a life of good choices.
- Daniel says, let's pray to God about this. And that might seem like a minor choice. But it was a good choice. And it was a choice that created momentum for the more difficult choices.
- Daniel made as his closest friends and confidants those who shared his faith and his courage.
- Choices prepare us for choices. Good choices, making good choices creates a momentum that help you make greater good choices.
- Start now making good choices. Because you're going to need it one day.

3 Good Choices Are Found on the Side of God

Daniel 6:5; James 1:12

- Always good choices are found on the side of God.
- The answer to those choices is predetermined by the biggest choice of all. Am I going to truly be a child of God?

- We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.
- If God is your co-pilot, you're in the wrong seat. Because God really needs to be your pilot.
- Blessed is the man who endures temptation. For when he has been approved, he'll receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those that love him.
- Is James not saying that the key to enduring temptation is loving the Lord?

MY NOTES