

## Choices



MEMORY VERSE: “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”  
Proverbs 4:23

### DAY 1 PROVERBS — Our Relationship with Jesus Christ

1. Every day we make choices. The most important choice you will make is whether to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. What do these verses tell you about the choice we must all make regarding Jesus Christ?

John 3:16-18

John 8:24

Acts 16:31

2. What choices helped lead you to where you are now in your belief about Jesus?

3. Why do you think your decision about Jesus impacts every other decision you make?

### DAY 2 PROVERBS — Our Hearts

4. The heart is the center of our thoughts and feelings—which leads to our decisions. What do these verses tell you about your heart?

Jeremiah 17:9

Proverbs 4:23

Proverbs 21:2

5. How might the following verses help you guard your heart and keep it safe?

v. 23:26

v. 3:1

v. 3:5

6. Others know your heart by your words and choices. Are you working to keep your heart pure today? Explain.

**DAY 3**

## PROVERBS — Our Peers and Reputation

7. What do these Proverbs tell you about how your choices are impacted by the people you spend your time with?

v. 13:20

vv. 4:14

v. 16:28

8. How are your choices influenced by your peers?  
How are your choices influenced by your feelings?

9. What do Proverbs 22:1 and 3:3-4 tell you about your reputation?

10. The reputation you're building today with the choices you make, will be the the one you will have to work with for years to come - for better or worse. What do you want your reputation to be? What can you do to work towards this?

## DAY 4 PROVERBS — Consequences of Our Choices

11. God's way is the best way and He wants you to make choices that are in line with His Word. What do you learn about your choices from the following verses?  
Galatians 6:7-8

Proverbs 3:33

12. Consider the choices you have made lately in regards to: TV/Movies, Video Games, Text Messages, Social Media, YouTube, Internet sites... How do your choices of media consumption line up with God's Word?

## DAY 5 PROVERBS - Choices — Wrap Up

13. What do your choices say about how important your relationship and following God are to you?
14. What should you do when the Bible doesn't seem to speak directly to the situations you face and the decisions you make?

### TAKE AWAY

You're going to make around 35,000 decisions today. Some are easy and some are not. Practice saying "let me think about it". The next time you feel pressured to make a decision you are concerned about, repeat these words. This will allow you the time to pray and make a good decision.

### BLESSING

Our hearts determine our choices, and our choices affect our hearts. Every time you choose what lines up with the Bible, your heart grows closer to God.

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John 3:16 For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. 18 There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

John 8:24 (Jesus says:) You will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am who I claim to be, you will die in your sins.

Acts 16:31 Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.

Jeremiah 17:9 The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked.

4:23 Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

21:2 People may be right in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their heart.

23:26 O my son, give me your heart.

May your eyes take delight in following my ways.

3:1 My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart.

3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

13:20 Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

4:14 Don't do as the wicked do, and don't follow the path of evildoers.

16:28 A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.

22:1 Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.

3:3-4 Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people and you will earn a good reputation.

Galatians 6:7-8 Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. 8 Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

3:33 The Lord curses the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the upright.

**Wisdom:** God-given understanding, ability to distinguish between right and wrong, insight, discernment. The ability to look at life from God's point of view and then choosing to live it out through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Fear of the Lord:** profound reverence and awe toward God; respect for God's character, words, actions and position that leads to love and obedience; true honor, devotion and surrender to God.

