

You are where you are in life largely in part to the decisions you made in the past. Life is a series of small choices and decisions with long lasting consequences.

Some choices are easy and some are hard. Since we are expecting to walk and function in Enabled Boldness, we are going to have to make choices that keep us open to receive that Boldness from the Holy Spirit, rather than choices that hinder the flow of the Spirit. We must make **Bold Choices** that lead to life.

Let's Make a Deal

Do you remember the game show “Let's Make a Deal”? Monty Hall would torture the contestants, making them choose a gift in hand or the chance for a better prize behind Door #1 or Door #2.

- If you were in that situation, don't you think that choosing would be much simpler if you could just see behind the doors? Just crack it open and take a peek!

In **Deuteronomy 30:1-20**, Moses challenges the people of God to make a choice. But unlike Monty Hall, Moses tells them what is behind each door!

Promise of Prosperity After Returning to the Lord

Deuteronomy 30:8-10 NLT

8 Then you will again obey the Lord and keep all his commands that I am giving you today.

9 “The Lord your God will then make you successful in everything you do.

He will give you many children and numerous livestock, and he will cause your fields to produce abundant harvests,

for the Lord will again delight in being good to you as he was to your ancestors.

10 The Lord your God will delight in you if you obey his voice and keep the commands and decrees written in this Book of Instruction, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

Choose Life or Death

Deuteronomy 30:11 and 15 NLT

11 “This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not beyond your reach. (This really isn't that hard.)

15 “Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster.

Door #1 - Life and Prosperity

Door #2 - Death and Disaster

How to Choose Door #1 – Life and Prosperity

Deuteronomy 30:16 NLT For I command you this day to love the Lord your God and to keep his commands, decrees, and regulations by walking in his ways.

If you do this, you will live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy.

How to Choose Door #2 – Death and Disaster

Deuteronomy 30:17-18 NLT “But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and if you are drawn away to serve and worship other gods,

18 then I warn you now that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live a long, good life in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy.

You Must Choose Life

Deuteronomy 30:19-20a NLT “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. **Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!**”

How Do We Choose Life?

20a You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life.

Just to make sure no bad decisions were made, Moses tells the people which door to choose. He tells them to **Boldly Choose Life!**

Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

God’s people had to make a Bold Choice and their choice would determine how their lives would turn out. They would either experience life and blessings or death and curses.

Each choice would have serious and long-lasting consequences.

Every day, you must make decisions and choices that will either result in life or result in death.

As much as we hate to admit it, **we are what we are today because of choices we made in the past.** Some of those choices were good and others were not so good. We wish that we could just forget some choices.

You would think that if the options were laid out before us, like Moses laid out the options for them, we would make the right choice. The choice that leads to life and blessings! **But do we?**

The Ripple Effect

Deuteronomy 30:19 **Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your** (children) **descendants might live!** Your choices don’t just affect you and you alone. They have a lasting effect on your family, children, and descendants to come! **EX:** Think of it as the ripple effect when you throw a rock into the pond. Your choices will have a ripple effect on your family!

Two Plans for Your Life John 10:10

BOLD NEXT Step: I will memorize John 10:10 - The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Satan Has a Plan for Your Life

John 10:10a The thief (The devil, Satan, our adversary)

- The Bible describes him as the accuser of the brethren, the Father of lies, the deceiver, and one who seeks to devour like a lion.
- But the Bible also tells us that he is a defeated foe! And Greater is Christ Jesus in us than the devil who is in the world!

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

- That could be worded, “he only wants to steal, and to kill, and to destroy **you.**”

ILL: “Lost In Space” The alien attacked saying, “Crush, Kill, Destroy”. **(Find a video clip)** Satan is that way too. He is programed and his intent is to Kill, Steal, Destroy.

Jesus Has a Plan for Your Life

John 10:10b I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

That abundant life is what we want, and the good news is that’s what Jesus wants for us!

This is why Jesus came. He wants you to, not only have eternal life with Him in heaven, but He wants your life right now, right here on this earth to be full, meaningful, rewarding, and abundant!

- The GREEK word for abundant is perissos, meaning superior or beyond measure.

What determines which plan will be activated in your life?

Your Choices. Your decisions. You get to choose which plan you want!

Everyday you will be able to make Bold Choices. I say bold because every choice you make will either lead into the death plan or the life plan.

Choose Life

Every person has to make the first Bold Choice that leads to life and keeps them from an appointment with hell and eternal damnation.

- If you are here today and you haven't made that Bold life-giving choice to accept the results of Jesus paying the price for your sins, you are destined to eternal damnation.
- At one point, we all were damned and had to make a Bold decision to choose life.
- If you choose Christ Jesus like many of us have, you are choosing life now and life eternally.

But Bold life choices don't stop at the day of your salvation. As a matter of fact, that's the starting point of continuing to make choices that lead to life!

- Not just choosing salvation; but even after we are saved, we must still Boldly choose life.
- Boldly choosing daily to serve the Lord.
- Daily, Boldly choosing life for you and your family rather than death.

Let me give you a few examples and you shout out if they should be in the Life of Death category.

LIFE	DEATH	LIFE	DEATH
Thinking God's thoughts	Diet of Evil Thoughts	Reading Bible	Read Anything but Bible
Christian Fellowship	Bad Company	Fruit of Spirit	Works of Flesh
Church Attendance	Sleeping In, Laying Out	Sharing the Gospel	Keeping Silent
Speak Blessings and Life	Speak Curses and Death	Prayer	Worry
Tithing	Robbing God	Hearing and doing.	Hearing Only

Watching "The Bachelor?" (LOL) That may not kill you, but it will sure make you sick to your stomach.

Every day, you have to either make choices that line up with God's plan for your life or make choices that are directly contrary to God's plan for your life.

Remember, God is for you and not against you. He wants to give you an abundant life. But you can actually hinder that life flow by making bad choices.

You can have a good life, if you choose to.
 You can have a happy life, if you choose to.
 You can have a wonderful marriage, if you choose to.
 You can have peace in your home, if you choose to.
 You can enjoy your family, if you choose to.

BOLD NEXT STEP: This week I will consider my daily choices. Are they leading to life or death?

BOLF NEXT STEP: This week I will pray, "Enabling Holy Spirit, help me to always Choose Life!"