

Episode 017

Making decisions before God

Introduction

Prophetic people need to choose to make decisions that honour the Lord. Heartfelt decisions to seek God's face and His purposes. Decisions that will help us follow God's vision and dreams. For we are not to live for our own agendas or ambitions but choosing to yield our will to God's will. This is to be done out of love and obedience before the Lord. God does not coerce us. God is looking for willing hearts amongst His prophetic community.

For example:

- **Decision to pursue God and His values**

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- **Decision to seek to honour and serve the Lord first and forth most.**

Joshua 24:15 (NIV) But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

- **Decision to choose life and blessings in God**

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NIV) This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.



How important is it to keep to these decisions in our lives?

Decisions made sincerely before the Lord will help us pursue His heart and ways and keep us spiritually alive and alert! When you make that decision to follow the dream that the Lord places in your heart, you are choosing His life and purposes. When you make this quality decision of the heart, you give permission for the Holy Spirit to commence the sanctification process within you. Letting God change you inside out; to reflect more Christlikeness and also living for His glory. Your godly decisiveness assists you in keeping focussed upon God. Let's be a generation that pursues after God.

There are many things in life that can detract us from God's course. Making godly decisions keeps us accountable before the Lord and to those whom we have requested to keep watch over us.

God is faithful and He is raising up a generation of prophetic promise keepers. God can help keep us steadfast at heart as we fully surrender to Him.

Psalm 24:4-6 (NIV) He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. 5 He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior. 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Selah

Cultivating heart attitudes that steward God's dreams for our life and in keeping to those godly decisions

1. Be continually humble and reliant before God.
2. Be mindful that He is our Owner and the One that releases that dream into us. Hence let us then be faithful to fulfil all He asks of us.
3. Be continuously thankful and grateful to God. Attribute every success to God and give Him the credit and the glory. Never take credit for what belongs to the Lord. By doing so, you learn to stay away from selfish motivation and personal ambition. Remember, we are not about making a name for ourselves but our objective should be to promote God's Name and promote His Cause.



Philippians 2:3 (NIV) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Tips to keeping true to God's course and purposes

1. Consistently pray and seek His face especially in major decisions. Don't rely on getting to convenient or expedient outcomes alone. Ask the question : Is that what God wants for me?

Allow the Holy Spirit and God's Word to check our inner motivations. Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV) 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

2. Convicted to live a lifestyle of integrity and purity. It is a life-long process, it does not happen immediately.

Consistently being on guard; by not being careless, nor being loose with our values and morals, not compromising or rationalising. Instead hold fast and stand firm on God's Word despite being the odd one out. The secret choices we make can either draw us closer to God or away from God. Sometimes it is the little decisions that will impact the bigger decisions in life.

Song of Songs 2:15 (NIV) Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.

3. Watchful of trials and hardships that could embitter us internally. Choose to surrender those disappointments, unfairness and pain to the Lord. Our entire being (thoughts, speech, actions, inner heart values) need to be washed daily by God's Word. In our daily living seek to glorify God, not just when people are looking but even behind closed doors.

Hebrews 12:14-15 (NIV) Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.



Discussion Questions

These questions could be done personally or as part of a group discussion.

1. How have you been making your decisions as a prophetic person?
2. What do you base your decision making on? God's Word, feelings, convenience, expedience, pleasing people etc.
3. What is God speaking to you about the way you could better improve in making godly decisions?





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