

IMAGE

Right Choices to Avoid Tragedy, part 2 of 4

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over . . . (all the earth) . . ." So God created human beings in his own image. . . Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over (all the earth) . . ." Gen. 1:26-28 (NLT)

Our Image is a Royal Image

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors . . ." 2 Cor. 5:20a

Three things to remember in making right choices . . .

I. You've been given _____

" . . . reign . . . govern . . . Reign . . ." Gen. 1:26-28

"God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus." Eph. 2:6 (NIV)

Jesus speaking: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go . . ." Matt. 28:28-29a (NIV)

2 Sam. 12:16-18

My choices should reflect _____

"Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. In this way . . . he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him." Hebrews 5:8-9 (NLT)

A Roman officer speaking: "Lord, I am not worthy for you to come into my house. You only need to command it, and my servant will be healed. I, too, am a man under the authority of others, and I have soldiers under my command. . ." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. He said to those who were following him, "I tell you the truth, this is the greatest faith I have found, even in Israel.

Matt. 8:8-10 (NCV)

"And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love." 2 John 1:6 (NIV)

II. You've been given _____

"You are free . . ." (to make choices—good or bad). Gen. 2:16

" . . . choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve . . . as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Gal. 5:1 (NIV)

My choices should reflect _____

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." 2 Cor. 5:20 (NIV)

"Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows." Is. 1:17 (NLT)

Jesus: "I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me." Matt. 25:40 (NCV)

III. You've been given _____

"God blessed them . . ." Gen. 1:28 (NIV)

" . . . He (God) gives his best—the sun to warm and the rain to nourish—to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty." Matt. 5:44 (The Message)

"All praise to God . . . who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ." Eph. 1:3 (NLT)

My choices should reflect _____

"I'm telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. . . Matt. 5:44-48 (The Message)

"Love . . . always looks for the best." 1 Cor. 13:5 (The Message)

My choices:

I will _____ more than I _____

I determine to make the _____ of my life the _____ of my life

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"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost." Isaiah 55:1

