

# **“Choices That Define Us”**

## **Joshua 24:15**

### Introduction

- I. Life is comprised of choices that define who we are.
- II. From the early years of life, we make choices that affect us for either good or evil.
- III. Let us take a journey through life to see how important our choices are.

### Discussion

- I. From our early years, we are given the choice of being obedient to our parents (Eph. 6:1-3).
  - A. Unfortunately, many choose not to obey their parents.
  - B. Just think of the hurt that is done in life because of not obeying parents.
  - C. Ultimately, it will lead to the destruction of the soul (Rom. 1:28-32).
- II. We have the choice of who our friends are (Jas. 4:4).
  - A. Often times, our friends will either lead us closer to or farther from God (1 Cor. 15:33).
  - B. True friendship is a blessing (Prov. 17:17; 18:24).
- III. We also have the choice of what career/job we will do (Eph. 4:28).
  - A. Do I decide just on the salary and benefits?
  - B. Will my choice allow me to worship regularly?
  - C. Will my choice allow me to be with my family (Heb. 11:24-26).
- IV. We have the choice of who our spouse will be (Gen. 2:24).
  - A. Will we choose a spouse that wants to serve God faithfully?
  - B. Will my spouse help me and my children get to Heaven (Eph. 5:25, 22)?
  - C. The wrong choice of spouse can make for a better or more difficult life (Prov. 18:22; 21:19).
- V. We have the choice of obeying God or not (Jos. 24:15).
  - A. God will not force us to obey Him.
  - B. He leaves the choice up to us (Prov. 16:9; Deut. 30:19).
  - C. Our choice will determine our futures (Matt. 7:13-14; Gal. 6:7-8).

### Conclusion

- I. Our choices define who we really are.
- II. What choices will you make?