

Human Choices

11-13-16

Romans 6:19 (ESV)

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Human Choices

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OVERHEAD: Straddling yellow line! Natural Picture of Human Choices; Which way shall we go?

Human Choices – Example: Look at how we make bad decisions!

For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness,

#1 Choices; Initial Compromise; your own volition:

- Initial choice to impurity and lawlessness; these choices becomes your owner (you will become its slave).

Human Bad Choices

OVERHEAD: Mousetrap; Initial choice, the damage doesn't come until you make the initial choice.

- Lesson: Sin is never satisfied. Giving oneself over to sensuality doesn't satisfy, but in fact ultimately dulls one's senses. Therefore when those senses are dulled (you don't get the same high as you used to get), one needs to have a greater experience to get the same sort of high they previously experienced.
- **Ephesians 4:19 (NIV)**
They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, with a continual lust for more.
- We are further warned that our dulled senses impair our ability to make good decisions.
- **1 Peter 2:11 (ESV)**
Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.
- This is the failure of liberal social policies. The acceptance and legalizing of sin leads to more and greater sin until you have a total depraved society without any restraints.

#2 Choices; Bad Friends; the company you keep will impact the decisions you make:

- **1 Corinthians 15:33 (ESV)**
Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."
- Your friends are evidence of the choices you make. Parents, your children's friends are a clear indication of the decisions they are making.

#3 Bad Choices; Friend of the world: All ones decisions are made in accordance to possess and embrace all they can of this world. The things of the world are their end goal in life.

▪ **James 4:4 (ESV)**

Whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Now we understand how we make **BAD CHOICES**. So **now** we make application on how to make good choices. We present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

#1 Choices; Initial Commitment; your own volition:

- Initial choice to righteousness that becomes your owner (you will become its slave separated to God, i.e. sanctification).

Human Good Choices

OVERHEAD: Paint Brush; Moving closer to God.

- Initial choice, commitment to read the Bible 5 minutes a day. Today 30 years later, I read the Bible from 1 to 3 hours every day and this is above preparing for Sunday's message. As a result, I have read the Bible over 50 times cover to cover. My commitment was 5 minutes and once I made the commitment there was a continual lust for more.
- **Make the Good Choice the same way you made the Bad Choices.**

#2 Choices; Good Friends; the company you keep will impact the decisions you make:

- Your friends are evidence of the choices you make. Parents, your children's friends are a clear indication of the decisions they are making.
- I love church, home group, and Christian's events.

#3 World Choices; God created all things to enjoy. Enjoy but do not be consumed. Need perspective!

- **2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)**
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Human Good Choices!

James 4:7-10 (ESV)

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God.

⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Human Good Choice

2Cor.5:21 (NASB)

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.