

Making **BAD** Decisions

Introduction: Spiritually we are called upon to make important decisions that will greatly affect our lives... some eternally! (Cf. Joshua 24:15) Hasty and foolish decisions can be regretted for a lifetime.

I. SOME VERY BAD DECISIONS

- A. The records numerous examples of bad decisions.
 - 1. Adam & Eve (Gen. 3:1-6)
 - 2. Cain (Gen. 4:3-8)
 - 3. Esau (Gen. 25:29-34)
 - 4. Nadab & Abihu (Lev. 10:1-3)
 - 5. Samson (Judges 16:4-21)
 - 6. Eli (1 Sam. 2:12, 22-34; 4:12-18)
 - 7. Uzzah (2 Sam. 6:1-7)
 - 8. David (2 Sam. 11:1-5)
 - 9. Solomon (1 King 11:1-13)
 - 10. Jonah (Jonah 1:1-17)
 - 11. Judas (Mt. 26:14-16)
 - 12. Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)
 - 13. Agrippa (Acts 26:27-28)
- B. What do all these people have in common? Two things:
 - 1. A failure to apply the essential principles of truth to their particular circumstances in life. (Psa. 119:105; Eph. 5:17)
 - 2. They experienced the consequences of their bad decisions. (Prov. 22:8; Hosea 8:7; Gal. 6:7)

II. BAD DECISIONS CAN CHANGE THE COURSE OF OUR LIVES

- A. Why do we sometimes make bad decisions?
 - 1. For the "passing pleasures of sin." (Heb. 11:24-26)
 - 2. Not having all the facts or enough information. (Pro. 18:13, 17)
 - 3. Impatience. (Jas. 1:4)
 - 4. Selfishness. (Mt. 19:16-22)
- B. There are some important areas in our lives where we cannot spiritually afford to be making bad decisions:

Conclusion: Good decisions are the result of faith in God's will and are the product of prayers seeking God's wisdom. What decisions are we making?