

# DEVOTION

*"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."*

James 4:17 – NIV

## *D* What Is Right!

Decisions. Decisions. Decisions.

They face us every day. And everyday we have a choice as to whether we will do the right thing, or the wrong thing.

Being a Christian does not exempt you from having to deal with the everyday problems of life, nor does it remove you from the challenges of right versus wrong. But because you are a Christian, God expects you to know how to respond when those challenges confront you.

Whether you know it or not, with every decision you make you are shaping your future. Not only that, but how you conduct yourself is a reflection of who you are. As a believer, you have God's Spirit living on the inside to empower, teach and guide you. That means your thoughts, actions and deeds should always line up with God and His Word.

Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death." The Message Bible is even clearer on the matter. It says, "Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death."

Whenever you're faced with a decision, don't act hastily. Take time to pray about the decision, and its outcome. Ask yourself: Will what I do help or hurt? Will it build up, or will it tear down? Will it glorify God?

God expects you to know right from wrong and He is counting on you to always make the right decision.

Proverbs 16:25 says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Your decision may seem like the right one, but only God knows what's best. Trust Him to show you what to do. He's always right and He'll never mislead you.

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