

## THE POWER OF CHOICE

12/28/24

- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
  - Comment – On Wednesday night, I finished a 6-part series -- “Emotional Bank Account”
  - Comment – I deliberately covered 7 of the 8 concepts – going to include concept #8 today
  - Title – “Power of Choice” – (which is a foundational concept of being a disciple)
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Deut. 30:15-20	choose life
Prov. 26:4-5	a time to keep quiet – a time to answer
Eccles. 3:1	to everything, there is a season – a time for every purpose under heaven
2-8	14 contrasting behaviors

- The Son of God – made choices

Mark 3:5	Son of God was angry – (without sin)
John 2:14-15	Son of God overturned the tables
John 8:41	the people insulted the Son of God
44	He answered back
John 8:59	Christ wisely hid – (also, John 10:39-40 and John 12:36)
John 18:11	“shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?”
John 19:9-11	initially, He gave no answer – He finally answered

- The Apostle Paul – made choices

Acts 9:23-25	Saul – went down the wall in a basket
Acts 23:1	Paul answered to the council
2	the high priest Ananias commanded the soldiers to strike him on mouth
3	Paul responded
4	“Do you revile God’s high priest?”
5	“I did not know that he was the high priest” – (quoting Exod. 22:28)
2 Cor. 11:20	do not accept bondage – do not accept being devoured – do not accept people stealing from you – do not accept people exalting themselves over you – do not accept people hitting you
23-25	Paul accepted being hit

- Avoid revenge

Rom. 12:17	repay no one evil for evil
18	as much as possible – live peaceably with all people
19	do not avenge yourselves – give place to wrath – “vengeance is Mine”
20-21	serve needs – do not be overcome by evil – but overcome evil with good