

Eventuate

Newsletter



“It is only when you exercise your right to choose that you can also exercise your right to change.”

When people say that their situation does not permit them to make choices, they have actually given up in making a choice by itself. Choice is an ethical consciousness. The Encyclopaedia Britannica states: “An ethical choice involves ascribing qualities such as right or wrong, good or bad, better or worse to alternatives.”

We always put our choices into action. However, the ethics behind the choices will determine the effects of that action. When we irrationally decide something, the outcome can be detrimental. Ethical choices will help to increase or decrease our capacity within our individual abilities. With any increase of capacity, we then have the ability to change or expand our space to do more and better. Good ethical choices have real significance over lives. It advocates God’s kind of freedom.

The rise of making unethical choices takes the world into variable crisis. Critical state has developed. Community is subject to the causal effects of human actions. Evidently, the society we live becomes more complex, more relative and more implausible because of their choices.

The kind of choices we observe today is the phenomenon of human behaviour. People are making choices from their unregenerated soul. Critical potential disaster sets on stage. Our choices shape our lives as what they are. How can we avoid making bad and unethical choices? An unethical decision that took only moments to make can end up costing you years of your life trying to recover from it. It may have been a financial, marital, relational or occupational decision that has shaped your world, as it exists today. One thing is for sure: If you knew then, what you know now, you would have chosen differently. Make no mistake about this, one bad decision can keep you from experiencing the fullness and purpose that God has for you in your life. *Hebrews 11:26-27 (NIV) He (Moses) regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.*

Therefore, to make good decisions, begin to learn to exercise Faith because faith enables us to Choose God’s plan over our own.

Speakers for the Month of February

5/2/12	12/2/12	19/2/12	26/2/12	
Kelvin Sim	Kelvin Sim	Jeremiah Yap	Timothy Kristianto	



Scripture for the
month

Galatians 6:7-8

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Avoid Making Bad Decisions

In Genesis chapter 25, the Bible presents us with a situation in which Esau makes a bad decision. Not only does his decision impact his life, but the lives of generations to come. If Esau were here today, I believe he would give the following advice:

1. Never make a decision while needy. "Esau arrived home exhausted and hungry from a hunt. Esau said to Jacob, "I'm starved! Give me some of that red stew you've made" (verse 29-30).
2. Never allow anyone to make you decide "now" on something that can wait. "Jacob replied, "All right, but trade me your birthright for it." (verse 31).
3. Avoid empowering or exaggerating your need. Jacob replied, "All right, but trade me your birthright for it." "Look, I'm dying of starvation!" said Esau. "What good is my birthright to me now?"
4. Never exchange something enduring for something temporary. "Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and lentil stew. Esau ate and drank and went on about his business, indifferent to the fact that he had given up his birthright"

When Esau finished eating his stew, the fact remained, that he would become hungry again, but Jacob now owned an enduring blessing and birthright. Decisions that are made based on your flesh will more than likely be bad ones. These decisions generally momentarily satisfy, but have long-term consequences.

You may be struggling to overcome the consequences of bad decisions made in your past and wondering how you can stop paying interest on something that happened years ago. The answer is – by making good, better and the best decisions now. Short sighted and quick decisions are a major means by which the enemy robs Believers of the blessings that God places in our lives.



Inspired Observation

Doing Right for the Right Reasons

(Matthew 6:1–18)

by James Stuart Bell and Tracy Sumner

also illustration from daily Bread

On a trip out of the country, I happened to meet an attorney who was from my hometown in New Jersey. We were surprised at how much we had in common. In the course of the conversation, he asked, “Did you say your name was Stillwell?” I said, “No, it’s Stowell.” He then mentioned that he had a client named Stillwell. “Is it Art Stillwell?” I asked, and, to my surprise, he said yes. Art Stillwell attended my church and was an influential businessman in the community.

The attorney admitted that he had no client quite like Art. He explained that most of his clients want him to do whatever it takes to get them out of their problems, but Art was different. Whenever he asked Art what to do in any given situation, Art always replied, “Just do what’s right!” Obviously it had made an impression on the attorney.

Yielding to Christ in all of our desires and decisions regardless of the outcome is what sets us apart in a world full of people consumed by their own interests. When we live blameless lives “without fault” — courageously reflecting the integrity, love, and grace of Jesus — we clearly “shine as lights in the world” ([Phil. 2:15](#)).

So, if you want to light up your world in a compelling way, just do what’s right!

By the time Jesus arrived, the approach of most of the Jewish religious leadership in dealing with the law had become very literal. They had lost the spirit of what God had tried to teach them through His law, so they began doing the right things — things God had commanded them to do — but for the wrong reasons.

Jesus wanted to bring people back to doing good for others for the right reasons, which were because they loved God and loved their neighbors. That is why he taught that acts of charity such as giving to the needy, as well as religious acts such as fasting, needed to be done in such a way that only God is honored: “Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others. When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do — blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get” (Matthew 5:1–2).

He taught essentially the same lesson about prayer and fasting, telling his followers that their prayers should be offered to God in private, not out in the open for everyone to see (Matthew 6:5–6). Jesus taught that those who did the things he calls all of us to do — giving, praying, fasting — using the guidelines he gives will receive their reward from God in heaven. However, those who do them with the wrong motivation will receive their reward here on earth.

Yes, we need to do the right thing but let us do with the right reason.

Vision

We seek to connect people to God w
new life begins in Jesus Christ by th
power of the Holy Spirit and seek to
engage them in every opportunity to
encounter and experience the
resurrection power of Christ through
Worship, Education and Outreach ar
also seek to be highly committed in
planting churches wherever God ser
us to.



Our Mission

We exist to bring people back
(evangelism) to the fundamental purpose
(discipleship) and sent them to the world
with the call of God (Mission).

Church Service

640 Canterbury Road, Vermont Church

Tel: 041098 5432

Time: 4pm

Every Sunday



**640 CANTERBURY
ROAD, VERMONT**

Every Friday 8pm

Tel: 04 33963633

KIDS QUEST

RUNS CONCURRENTLY RIGHT AFTER THE WORSHIP SESSION EVERY SUNDAY



Wednesday at 8pm – Pastor & Irene's Residence

Thursday at 10:30am – Diana's

Residence

Thursday at 8pm – Asahel & Lala's



Solution Group Begins This Month. Take note of the changes for the Wednesday group. We will hold the meeting at Pastor's home.

We want to congratulate Scott and Iris' little baby girl Mystique. We pray that they will show the child to grow in the Lord.

We would like to welcome families and students back to Melbourne. God Bless all of you.

Light Moments



EMBRACE THE LIFESTYLE OF GIVING

So It Is with Your Seed Rob Bell, Jr.

The picture Paul uses in 2 Corinthians 9 to describe giving is that of a sower, or someone who scatters seed on the ground. Rob Bell, Jr., teaching pastor at Mars Hill Bible Church in Grandville, Mich., enumerates several principles of giving that can be derived from the analogy of sowing: (1) There is a mystery to reproduction and a miracle to growth; botanists cannot explain exactly why a seed grows from a tiny entity into a massive tree. (2) A sower uses his brain; no freestyle techniques are used but, rather, those techniques that will maximize the harvest. (3) A farmer wants the biggest crop possible; he sets aside the minimum amount that his family needs for nourishment and plants the rest of his store. Contrary to the world's understanding of wealth generation, Proverbs 11:24 states that withholding unduly brings poverty rather than riches. If we do not have anything, we might need to ask ourselves whether we have been withholding rather than sharing generously. Worry can cause us to hoard, but Matthew 6:25 commands us not to worry. God does not abandon His children but will provide for them. Our task is to seek first His kingdom; we do not need to run after the necessities of life as the pagans do.