

YOUR CHOICE

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Firstly, no matter what natural choices you make in life, there is no guarantee of a suitable outcome ever happening. Secondly, all choices end when death comes. Not only do the choices end, but everything you have ever worked for or achieved, all the people you love and are cared by... all permanently vanish. The good news is that God offers a series of choices that are rock solid with guarantees that don't end at death. The first choice is the anointing of the spirit (commonly known as salvation), comes with visible evidence. The second choice is to choose to build your life on values that God blesses (the best life possible for you), or use your natural abilities (not as good and loaded with risks)... God also provides signs to support the benefits of this second choice... if you choose well.

The first choice is the best choice of all... it also is the most important of all choices you can ever make.

DEU 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you **life and death**, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live: *Peter gives us the details...* **ACT 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. *This choice is open to everyone.*

Eternal life is built upon this foundation.

1COR 3:11 For other **foundation** can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. *No other options.*

A building cannot ever be build bigger than the foundation it is built upon.

LUK 14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish it? **29** Lest haply, after he hath **laid the foundation**, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him, **30** Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. *You have chosen to live forever, but have you budgeted your life to fit into your choice? Have you chosen the scriptural options that will work best for you? Ongoing momentum is something we develop as we serve Godly values.*

A foundation of life style commitments and disciplines needs to be laid... before the next steps can occur.

1PET 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere **milk** of the word, that ye may grow thereby: *We apply all the basics of scriptural development. eg... come behind in no gift (1Cor 1:7) etc. These are the 'milk' of the word. In fact the use of the gifts and all of the items of commitment discussed in 1Corinthians are only 'milk' topics...* **1COR 3:2** I have fed you with **milk**, and not with **meat**: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able. *Paul empowered his people to keep developing and build their spiritual foundation. Those who have not moved onto the gifts and other principles discussed in this first letter are mere babes in the Lord.* **HEB 5:13** For every one that useth **milk** is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. *If using the gifts, etc., is 'milk'; what do you think the meat is? A choice that very beneficial.*

To go from milk to meat is a choice that we all have to make... remember our life can never be better than the spiritual foundation it is built upon.

HEB 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, **2** Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. *Build upon spiritual concepts... this goes past worrying about prayer, fellowship, using the gifts... that is for the babes in Christ.*

The final choice we make should reflect some concern for what is soon to come upon the earth.

2PET 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11** *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be (what are some good options that will be more beneficial for you?) in all holy conversation and godliness, What choices should you make... to save your family and friends and those whom God is yet to raise up?*

If you build upon a solid foundation, it cannot be shaken when troubles come... there will be no lasting damage... your choices will survive this world. Remember, the choice is always yours to make.