

## THE SACREDNESS OF CHOICE

Proverbs 13:16

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**To choose is divine; to choose wisely is sacred.**

### I. To Choose is Divine

- A. Only **PEOPLE** can truly choose.
- B. Our choices are turning us into a  
“heavenly creature or a hellish creature”

### II. Choosing Rightly: Two Paradigms of Choice

- A. The **PRUDENT** man.
  - 1. Having **The End** in mind
  - 2. Collecting all of the data
  - 3. Making their choice with **DISCRETION**
- B. The **FOOL**.
  - 1. Only having **The Moment** in mind.
  - 2. Rejecting Relevant Input
  - 3. Displaying their choice with **BRAZENNESS**

### III. The Sacred Choice:

**A choice is sacred when it is . . .**

- A. Motivated by the right **FIRST CHOICE**:  
Proverbs 1:7
- B. Determined by the **END** God has in mind.  
Psalm 90
- C. Shaped by the godly **STEPS** you take along the way.  
I Corinthians 8-10

The answer to the question of whether a choice  
is wise or not is answered by another question.

**What would bring God the most glory?**

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Every time you make a choice  
you are turning the central part of you,  
the part of you that chooses,  
into something a little different than it was before.

And taking your life as a whole,  
with all your innumerable choices,  
all your life long  
you are slowly turning this central thing  
into a heavenly creature or a hellish creature:

either into a creature that is in harmony with God,  
and with other creatures, and with itself,

or else into one that is  
in a state of war and hatred with God,  
and with its fellow creatures, and with itself.

To be the one kind of creature is heaven:  
that is, it is joy and peace and knowledge and power.

To be the other means madness,  
horror, idiocy, rage, impotence, and eternal loneliness.

Each of us at each moment  
is progressing to the one state or the other.

– C.S. Lewis  
Mere Christianity