

## “The Choices of Judgment”

*Galatians 6:6-10*

### Introduction

In *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, Indiana was looking for the Holy Grail. When he and his team finally arrived onsite at its location, he had to go through a number of tests to get to the specific room. Indiana had to face a series of tests to advance toward his goal, but after successfully completing each challenge, he came into a room with an assortment of cups. This required Indiana to choose which one belonged to the carpenter from Nazareth. He was advised to “choose wisely” because there were consequences for making the incorrect choice. Selecting the wrong cup led to death. Choosing the right cup led to life.

Did you know believers can influence the level of consequences and rewards by their choices? Choice involves the principle of sowing and reaping. What we decide to do or not do in obedience to God matters greatly. What we sow in our decisions and actions brings positive or negative consequences. We can choose the flesh, which is pleasing self, independent of God, or we can choose the Spirit, which is living to please God and depending on him to empower our daily walk. Based on our choices, we influence our consequences since we reap what we sow.

So, what will you do with the responsibility of choice in your life? Will you choose to do good which is beneficial and pleasing to God, or will you choose that which benefits your flesh? When we make choices based on the Word of God that benefit others, we also choose kindness. Kindness benefits the household of God. When we first display love and compassion to our brethren and then extend this love and kindness to the world, we prioritize God in our choices. If up to this point, you haven't chosen wisely, it's not too late! Choose wisely starting today. God's grace is available, and you can move towards a future of reaping God's blessing despite the choices of your past.

### Getting Started

1. When was the last time you had to make a hard choice?
2. Do you have a hard time making choices? What standards do you use to arrive at a choice?

### Let's Get Personal

1. What choice is God calling you to make in your life right now?
2. How has the series affected your choices regarding eternal judgment?
3. How can you realign your choices to be pleasing to God and aligned with His word?

## Take the Next Step

1. Reflect on the time in your life when the principle of sowing and reaping applied. How did your choice affect the outcome?
2. How can you make God known by choosing the concept of good works through kindness?
3. Want to go deeper? Take time to look at the following passages: *2 Corinthians 5:9-11; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Romans 14:10-12; 1 Peter 1:17; Matthew 12:36-37; Matthew 10:42; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Mark 10:28-31; Romans 2:12; 1 Corinthians 4:2; Colossians 3:23-24; 2 Timothy 2:12; Matthew 16:27; Ephesians 2:8-10; Revelation 21:4; Ephesians 6:8; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Luke 19:17; 1 John 2:28; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Matthew 19:29; John 12:26; 2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 22:16; Hebrews 1:14; Hebrews 10:35-36; Hebrews 9:15; Romans 8:17; 2 John 1:8; Matthew 25:14-30; Hebrews 10:29-31; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:5; Matthew 8:12; Matthew 13:38; Matthew 22:11-14; 2 Peter 3:1-14; Isaiah 30:15; Acts 3:19; Matthew 3:2; Matthew 3:8; 2 Corinthians 7:10-11; James 4:1-10; Matthew 12:41; Matthew 22:1-14; Colossians 3:1-11; Matthew 6:19-24; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; 2 Corinthians 4:18; 1 John 4:17-21; 1 John 3:16-21; 1 John 4:1-6; Hebrews 10:35-39; 1 John 5:3-5; Galatians 6:10; 1 John 4:7-16; 1 John 3:13-18; James 1:26-27; Matthew 10:32; Luke 10:23-37; Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:8; James 2:13, 1 Timothy 6:12, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 9:6-8; Titus 2:7,14; 3:1,4,8,14; John 17:3; Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

## Renew Your Mind

*“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”*

*Titus 3:4-7*

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