

## MAKING DECISIONS...THE REASON YOU EXIST

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Everything was created for a purpose...yours is to make decisions

You make 1000's of decisions everyday.

- Sharing this teaching today involved a decision. Explain
- Give examples starting with the start of Shabbat. And a non Shabbat day

Handling decision-making:

- What is the correct process for making the decision?
- Is counsel sought before making the decision?
- Is your covering involved in your decision?
- How do you decide the appropriate time and place for the decision?
- Who should be influencing the decision?
- Who should be the ultimate decision maker?
- Do you take responsibility for your decisions and how they effect your life and others?

When you can't make decisions, due to circumstances, disability, etc., you exist, as a part of others need to demonstrate how they make decisions.

From what I see in Scripture, Abba is very concerned with/interested in how you handle decision-making. It shows Him your character. I believe that His "decision" to spend eternity with you or not is going to be based on the character you demonstrate.

- Every decision/ choice that you make shows Yahweh something about who you are and helps in His decision as to whether or not He wants to spend forever with you.

To some degree every decision affects your ultimate destiny/where you end up in in life:

- Temptations
- Torah observance
- Careers
- Money and finances
- Parenting
- Health
- Marriage



- Congregational integration
- Leadership
- Commitment

Every decision/choice you make has an opportunity cost. Every time you choose to do something you are also choosing not to do something else. The reverse is true also when you choose not to do something.

What do you learn from good decisions?

What do you learn from and how do you handle bad decisions?

- Teshuva
- Repentance
- Forgiveness of others and self

Getting "desired results" does not necessarily mean that you made a good decision.

- The key is "whose" desire did the results meet...yours or His?

Decisions:

- Personal
  - What you do for work
  - What you do for "fun"
  - What you eat and drink
  - What you wear – based on the what you are doing and where you are going, modesty
  - How you speak, what you say, to whom, and when
  - What you do for work
- Family
  - To get married
  - To have children, and if so how many?
    - How they will be raised
      - Education, health, etc.



- Where to live
  - What type of housing?
  - Location?
- Spirituality and Beliefs
  - Where to fellowship and worship
  - To join a congregation or not
- Congregational
  - How much do you commit or get involved?
  - Participation, leading, observing, serving
    - In what way and how much?
  - Helping and receiving help
- General – Miscellaneous
  - When to listen and when to speak
  - Correcting, enabling and co-dependency – both giving and receiving
  - When you correct or instruct are you doing what you are supposed to do or overstepping?
    - Is it your job or role to do it?
    - Are you doing it in the right way, at the right time, in the right place, with all the right people involved?
  - How you react to what happens to you or around you
    - You decide
      - To react or not
      - To get involved or not
      - To get offended or not
      - To get upset or not
      - To rejoice or not
      - Etc.

How you interpret everything is your decision/choice. You have an abundant variety of options as to how you will react to any and every situation.



Are you able to discern/interpret which situations involve you and which don't?

- How much of this perception is skewed by your own desires to get involved or not?

How do you handle decisions that do involve you?

- When you want to be involved
- When you don't want to be involved

How do you handle decisions that don't involve you?

- When you want to be involved
- When you don't want to be involved

How does fear effect your decisions?

How does faith effect your decisions?

