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Today's Topic: The Choice

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The Choice



Helen Adams Keller (June 27, 1880 – June 1, 1968) had this to say about choice:

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we choose to look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.

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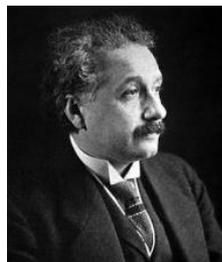
Jesus made this statement to the people, *In this life you will have trials and tribulations, but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world.* (John 16:33)

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The message and lesson contained within this statement is often overlooked by many people because of the attention, time and energy they use looking at the closing doors in their lives caused by the trials and tribulations that they often experience in their lives.

Jesus in effect was saying, let it pass for the world is what it is; don't get hung up on the stuff that will not matter 5 yrs., 10 yrs., 50 yrs., or even 100 yrs. from now. Don't let the world dictate how you will live.

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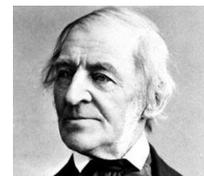


Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein, when asked what he thought about the universe responded, "The most important choice we make is whether we believe we live in a friendly or hostile universe."

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Emerson wrote that: *Once you have made a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen.* I love this statement and find it's very compatible with Einstein's vision and Jesus's lesson.



Ralph Waldo Emerson

Every decision includes the choices we make about how we are going to proceed with our decision.

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Lynn Robinson writes in her book Compass Of The Soul: *Many people wait to decide until everything is perfect. It never is! There will always be difficulties, challenges, and obstacles. What I've discovered is that with each step you take, the Universe expands your options. Doors that you thought were closed will begin to open.*

When a person makes the choice to place their trust and faith in something greater than themselves, the Universe responds.

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When Joshua lead the people into the promised land, they too had a choice to make.

“Choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:15)

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When Jesus taught that it was our Father’s good pleasure to give us the kingdom, it was no empty promise. His whole life was about trusting and having faith in God to provide all that we need.

“For your Father knows what you need before you even ask,”(Matt 6:8); So make the choice to “seek God first and all things will be added unto you,” (Matt 6:33).

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Author, Nanice Ellis writes in the article Trusting the Universe:

No matter how powerful or weak you may ever feel, there is an All Knowing Source that is paying attention to you – even now as you read this. It loves you and cherishes you, and it knows what is best for you, even when you don't know, or you think you know better.

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Jesus understood that we are always faced with making the choice to let go and let God be God in us. Ellis reminds us that:

It's safe to let go. In fact, letting go is the safest thing that you can ever do. You don't have to know all the answers. You are not meant to. But, something greater than you, that is you, always knows the best way, and when you let go and trust, this same something can answer your prayers, wishes and dreams.

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This thing I call God is like a good parent who sits patiently by your side, allowing you time and space to figure it out on your own. But, the moment you surrender and ask for help, help is given. The key is remembering to ask, and of course letting go, so that divine help and even miracles can manifest.

When you make the choice to trust and let go, you allow life to be as it is; and that everything in your life can be a pathway to God.

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When we choose, like the character, Joshua, to serve the Lord of our Being, God, we find amazing results such as these:

1. We find that we are lifted from feelings of discouragement, helplessness, despair. "For when I am lifted up, I draw all people up." (John 12:32)
2. As we choose to make changes in our inner lives, the outer world changes to correspond with our new shift in consciousness.

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3. As our consciousness shifts from choosing to look outside of ourselves, to looking toward the Lord of our Being with faith and trust, we find the solutions, answers and changes we need are there.

4. As our conscious awareness of God grows within us, and we, like Jesus, begin to see that the universe is always friendly to our needs, providing us with insight to remove any and all negative blocks that keep us from our good.

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5. With that insight we come to realize that the only real choice we have is the choice to allow love to be present in all that we do and say. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." (Mark 12:30)

6. It is the love that God has for us and we have for God that gives us the power to access the kingdom of unlimited possibilities. Jesus looked at them and said, "With God all things are possible." (Matt 19:26)

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7. Making the choice to let go and let God be God in us brings us into a greater awareness of how blessed we are. Through our faith and trust in the Allness of God we discover that abundance, prosperity, peace, harmony, and a genuine sense of well-being are not just wishful dreams of obtaining one day, but actual activities that are available to each of us, right here, right now!

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- What are your choices?
- Do you look outside yourself for your good?
 - Do you give power to the events and effects of the people and places in your life?
 - Do you entertain self-limiting beliefs or do you let Spirit provide self-affirming beliefs?
 - Do you feel worthy to receive your God given blessings?
 - Do you believe in miracles, trust in things not seen, the power of divine love?

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The choice to be triumph, as today's Daily Word states, can be ours as we affirm:

The Spirit of God within me is my source, supply, and support. As I choose to look to the kingdom within me, my consciousness, the fullness of God's blessings are revealed to me. As I choose to stand firm in my faith and trust God to be God in my life and affairs, miracles become a part of my life, for Spirit provides all that I need for triumphant living.