

good morning people. have you ever thought about where you are and where you could be. maybe that even includes wishing you were somewhere else. i think of the christmas show the networks show every year. the one with jimmy stewart and zuzu's petals. he wished he had never been born and, supposedly, God gave him a chance to see what the effects of him never being born would have on everything and everyone. needless to say, it was devastating.

the bible says about judas, "it would have been good for that man if he had never been born." mark 14:21 it makes one wonder, would it be better if they had never been born? it could easily have happened as millions of babies' birth have been prevented around the world. it was decided not by them, but by others instead.

i don't know about you, but even now at the age of 74, i don't always like people making decisions for me. but making decisions makes one accountable for those decisions. it also determines the results of those decisions.

will your decisions produce good results or bad ones? what will be the final outcome and ruling of your life? that judgement will not be made by you, but by the One who knows and sees all things. though you may seek to hide things, they are revealed to Him.

are there things you are ashamed of or wish you could have a do-over of? perhaps it is something you have done or even a change of direction that had devastating effects as a result. the thing is, do you want to keep

making those decisions with devastating effects or do you want to change? do you feel trapped and unable to change?

the apostle paul wrote of such a man. (and he means all people) "o wretched man that i am! who will deliver me from this body of death?" rom 7:24 he also wrote of new man, a changed man, in the very next chapter. "there is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" rom 8:1-2 it would be beneficial to read all of romans 8.

flesh cannot deliver flesh. the law of do's and don'ts just can't. it is only being born again. only our spirit man has the proper weapons to crucify the fleshly man. "for the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." heb 4:12

our heavenly Father has left the "decision making" to each of us. it is one decision no one else is allowed to make for us. "and if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." jos 24:15

decisions, decisions, decisions. life is certainly full of them. this will be the most important decision of your life. "most assuredly, I say to you,

unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” john 3:3 i pray you all have the will and determination to make it.

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