

Sermon Notes

"The Power of Predeciding"

Various texts

Proverbs 16:3

July 7th, 2024

2. How do you rate yourself as a decision maker? What is holding you back from being better?
3. What do you need to commit to the Lord currently? If you do so, are you prepared to allow him to establish your plans?
4. What values are most important to you? When people look at your life, what do you want them to see?

Action step:

Where is your life would this be useful right now? Fill out the following statement. Then through study, prayer, and, with encouragement and accountability from others, commit this to the Lord.

When faced with _____, I have pre-decided to

Let's Pray

Proverbs 16:3

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

When faced with _____ (this situation),
I have predecided to _____ (take this action).

An example: Joseph faces temptation- Genesis 39

If your life is moving in the direction of your decisions, do you like the direction your decisions are taking you?

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 07-07-2024

Digging Deeper:

1. Read Proverbs 16:1-4, 9. The author presents two choices—our ways and the Lord's way. What is the key difference between the two?
2. Take a look at another example of predeciding in Daniel 1. What situation is Daniel facing? What decision does he make that guides his behavior?
3. There is a negative example of how values can influence us to make poor decisions. In Matthew 26:14-16, what does Judas's actions indicate that he values most? What does this cause him to do? What is the cost of this?
4. What are other examples in the Bible where someone uses their values to guide them in their course of action?

Applying the Word to life.

1. What is one of the best decisions you ever made? One of the worst?