**Decisions**

**You will decide on a matter,**

**and it will be established for you,**

**and light will shine on your ways.**

**(*Job 22:28)***

**Yes, son, in this great country of ours anyone can grow up to make his or her own decision about long-distance phone service. *(Ed Arno comic strip)***

**My basic principle is that you don’t make decisions because they are easy; you don’t make them because they are cheap; you don’t make them because they’re popular; you make them because they’re right. *(Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., former president of University of Notre Dame)***

**It's better to be boldly decisive and risk being wrong than to agonize at length and be right too late. *(Marilyn Moats Kennedy, in Across the Board)***

**There's no drum roll or trumpet that goes off when you make the biggest decisions in your life. Sometimes you don't even know that you've made 'em. *(Beyonce)***

**My wife tells me that if I ever decide to leave, she’s coming with me. *(Jon Bon Jovi, in The New York Post)***

**Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than to be able to decide. *(Napoleon Bonaparte)***

**Dolly says to her mother: “I'm five years old now and I still can’t decide on who I should marry.” *(Bill Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice. *(From the song “Free Will”)***

**Girl: "Eenie-meenie-miney-mo! Catch-a-tiger-by-the-toe! If-he-hollers-make-him-pay . . . Rats! I got confused! I need to start over! Fifty-dollars-every-day! My-mother-told-me-to-pick-the-very-best-one-and . . . uh . . . Eenie-meenie-miney-mo . . ." Boy: "I forgot what we were trying to decide!" *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**People often say that, in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote -- a very different thing. *(Walter H. Judd)***

**The main discomfort in being a middle-of-the-roader is that you get sideswiped by partisans going in both directions. *(Sydney J. Harris, Publishers-Hall Syndicate)***

***Son*: “I’m home.” Mom: “Where have you been?” Son: “Me and Max had a very enlightening discussion about whether or not Santa really exists.” Mom: “And what did you decide?” Son: “We decided that some things are better left undecided.” *(Jerry Bittle, in Shirley & Son comic strip)***

**If you don't stand for anything, you'll fall for anything. *(Quoted by Dr. Arleen Bump)***

**A fellow who leads a double life often gets through it in half the time. *(The Link)***

**The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want. *(Ben Stein, writer)***

**The middle of the road is where the white line is -- and that's the worst place to drive. *(Robert Frost)***

**One of life's hardest decisions is which line to stand in at the supermarket. *(Arnold H. Glasow)***

**Half the worry in the world is caused by people trying to make decisions before they have sufficient knowledge on which to base a decision. *(Dean Hawkes)***

**A cockney asked a Roman Catholic co-worker's help in choosing a bride. “I'm torn between Betty and Maria,” he said. “How do you Catholics make decisions?” “I go to church,” said his pal. “Then I look up and pray, and the answer comes to me.” Next day the cockney was all excited. “I did what you told me, mate, and the answer was given to me!” “What happened?” “I went to your church, knelt in prayer, looked up and there it was! Written in gold, high abovea stained-glass window.” “What did it say?” “It said, “Ave Maria.” *(The Jokesmith)***

**When a person tells you that you hurt them, you don't get to decide that you didn't. *(Louie C. K.)***

**You may remember Uncle Remus’ delightful story about Brer Rabbit. Brer Rabbit was invited to dinner on the same evening at the same hour at Brer Terrapin’s and Brer Possum’s. There he stood hungrily at the crossroads. “Do I eat with Brer Terrapin or do I eat with Brer Possum?” First he ran down the road toward Brer Possum’s. Then, changing his mind, he reversed himself and started towards Brer Terrapin’s. Then he changed his mind again and started towards Brer Possum’s. With the thought of two meals awaiting him, he ran back and forth, unable to make a decision until finally he missed dinner at both places. *(Dynamic Preaching)***

**It is often argued that the people who will be affected by a major decision should be involved in it. Paul Kruger, president of the Transvaal in southern Africa, once resolved a dispute between two brothers about a land inheritance they were to share. Kruger's decision: let one brother divide the land, and let the other brother have first choice. *(Louis E. Boone, in Quotable Business)***

**There is no more miserable human being than one in whom nothing is habitual but indecision. *(William James)***

**Decision is a sharp knife that cuts clean and straight. Indecision is a dull one that hacks and tears and leaves ragged edges behind. *(Jan McKeithen, in Camden County, Georgia, Tribune)***

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**Make a decision and make it right. *(Abraham/Hicks)***

**Woman: "Make up your mind: no, yes, maybe." Man: "Maybe." Woman: "Okay." *(Philip Wolcoff)***

**It's a bad habit to believe that things will never be better than they are. If you think this way, you're down on hope. You may not feel depressed, but when the possibility of change presents itself, it's very hard for you to see there could be improvement. When you first look at the possibility of change, you might say, "But if I do that, all that will happen is ..." and then you reel off a list of bad outcomes you're sure to see. When you're caught in it, it doesn't feel like negativity. It feels like realism. In fact, you take pride in seeing ahead to all the ways good things can't happen. This is a particularly bad habit in decision-making. Being so aware of how things can go wrong, you're super-cautious. If opportunity knocks, you don't throw yourself into its arms, and so you create a self-fulfilling prophecy. Bad habits get us into trouble and are hard to overcome, but people who make great decisions try to avoid them. There's an old expression: Forewarned is fore-armed. This is never truer than when it comes to biggest bad habits in making decisions. *(Charles Foster, in What Do I Do Now: Dr. Foster's 30 Laws of Great Decision Making)***

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**A weak man has doubts before a decision, a strong man has them afterwards. *(Karl Kraus, Austrian writer)***

**The man who changed the faith of millions of people on a whim: Rainchan Shah, the Tibetan who conquered Kashmir in 1325, because he was a low-caste Hindu, decided one day to adopt the religion of the first man he met the following morning -- He met Bulbul Shah, a Mohammedan -- and as a result Islam became the official religion of Kashmir. *(Ripley's Believe It or Not! Book of Chance, p. 240)***

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**A few weeks into the new semester at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, my daughter called for advice. "Mom," she said, "I've taken on too much and think I may have to drop a course. Already I'm falling behind, but I can't decide which class to eliminate." Jenny and I had had this conversation every semester since she had started college. Bowing to my motherly duties, I held up my end of the discussion. "If it is too much," I said, "you'll have to cut back. What course are thinking of dropping?" "Decision-making," she replied. *(Nancy Rome, in Reader's Digest)***

**Dolly says to Billy: "When Mommy says 'maybe,' it means her brain is stuck between a 'yes' and a 'no'." (*Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Men must be decided on what they will not do, and then they are able to act with vigor in what they ought to do. *(Mencius, ancient Chinese philosopher)***

**Never make a decision yourself, if you don’t have to. When one of your men asks you a question, ask him what is the answer. There is only one answer to many questions and, therefore, this method answers many questions before they are asked. It not only develops your men, but also enables you to measure their ability. *(Henry L. Doherty)***

**What's "P.O.P." advertising? Point of purchase. Those little signs you see tacked up over the merchandise are such. Did you know 81 out of 100 buyers, until they get to the store, don't know how much or what kind or even whether to? *(L. M. Boyd)***

**"Are you going to have a boy or girl?" my four-year-old nephew asked while staring at my pregnant stomach. "I don't know," I told him. "When will you decide?" *(Cindy Forish, in Reader's Digest)***

**All our final decisions are made in a state of mind that is not going to last. *(Marcel Proust)***

**In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing. *(Theodore Roosevelt)***

**The man who insists upon seeing with perfect clearness before he decides, never decides. *(Henri-Frederic Amiel)***

**Uncertainty is a widespread malady, but nobody ever died of it. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are. *(Roy Disney)***

**Hagar: "I'll have a bowl of vegetable soup." Waiter: "With or without vegetables?" Hagar then says: "Does it seem to you we're expected to make more and more decisions these days?" *(Dik Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**Every decision you make is not a decision about what to do. It's a decision about Who You Are. *(Neale Donald Walsh)***

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**Nothing can be more destructive to vigor of action than protracted, anxious fluctuation, through resolutions adopted, rejected, resumed, and suspended, and nothing causes a greater expense of feeling. A man without decision can never be said to belong to himself; he is as a wave of the sea, or a feather in the air which every breeze blows about as it listeth. *(John Foster)***

**The risk of a wrong decision is preferable to the terror of indecision. *(Maimonides)***

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