

CHOOSING YOUR FUTURE

God's Vision for the Rest of Your Life
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To Resolve: to decide, settle, determine, purpose

Resolution: a firm determination to do something

MOSES' 4 LIFE-SHAPING CHOICES

Hebrews 11:23-27

1.

"By faith, Moses, when he had grown up, <u>refused to be known as the son of</u> Pharaoh's daughter." Hebrews 11:24 (NIV)

"Don't let the world around you <u>squeeze you into its own mould</u>, but let God remould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that <u>the plan of God for you is good</u>." Romans 12:2 (PHILLIPS)

"<u>Our purpose</u> is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts." 1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NLT)

"I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

2.

"He <u>chose</u> to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting <u>pleasures</u> of sin." Hebrews 11:25 (NIV)

"We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope."

Romans 5:3-4 (NCV)

"For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!"

2 Corinthians 4:17 (NLT)

3

"He <u>regarded</u> disgrace for the sake of Christ as of <u>greater value</u> than the treasures of <u>Egypt</u>, <u>because he was looking ahead</u> to his reward." Hebrews 11:26 (NIV)

WHAT THE WORLD VALUES

- Popularity (Prestige & Power) vs. 24
- Pleasure "the pleasures of sin" vs. 25

Possessions "the treasures of Egypt" vs. 26

"The world and everything in it that people desire is passing away; but those who do the will of God live forever." 1 John 2:17 (GNT)

WHAT GOD VALUES

1.	is more valuable than popularity (vs. 24
2.	are more valuable than pleasure (vs. 25
3.	is more valuable than possessions (vs. 26

"By <u>faith</u> he left Egypt, <u>not fearing</u> the king's anger; he <u>persevered</u> because he <u>saw</u> him who is invisible." Hebrews 11:27 (NIV)

HOW DO I KEEP MY RESOLUTIONS?

- "Let us be concerned for one another, to <u>help one another</u> to show love and to do good. Let us not give up <u>the habit of meeting together</u>, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:24-25 (GNT)
- "Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore, I have set my face like a stone, determined to do his will. And I know that I will not be put to shame." Isaiah 50:7 (NLT)

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