

Choices—Necessary for the Long Haul

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I. Introduction.

A. Paul knew that Timothy was prone to failure.

B. We are all prone to failure too.

II. We all have a choice to fulfill our need for current, vital fellowship with God.

A. A quiet time should be daily.

B. We do this because of love.

III. We all have a choice of being submitted to God or people.

A. People who are walking with God do not have “aces up their sleeves.”

B. We should have open hearts before God and people.

C. We should submit to both God and people out of love.

D. Ask God to give you a few people to encourage you and hold you accountable.
(Romans 12:15)

IV. We all have the choice of staying focused on the objective—to love God with all our heart and love others too. (Philippians 3:13)

V. We all have to make the decision to give God the credit. (Matthew 23:5)

VI. Conclusion.

A. Not many make it well in the Christian life.

B. We must make the right choices.

Application questions:

1. Which choice do you find to be most important? Why?

2. How would you respond to a Christian who says it is wrong to submit yourself to man in light of the message?

3. What are some practical ways that you can give God the credit He deserves this week?
Explain.
