

# CrossRoads

## Choices

Recite the following acrostic. We'll spend some time learning this acrostic, and then talk about intersections or "crossroads" we come to in life.

<b>C</b>	Commit to Christ completely
<b>H</b>	Hear wise counsel discerningly
<b>O</b>	Observe others' actions carefully
<b>I</b>	Investigate the options thoroughly
<b>C</b>	Consider your ways thoughtfully
<b>E</b>	Embrace the results confidently

What does a disciple do each day to follow Jesus Christ? He makes CHOICES.

This acrostic is intended to be memorized by putting the phrase with each letter. In the following pages, each phrase will be further explained.

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Commit to Christ completely

- **Review** the "CrossRoads" acrostic.
- **Understand** that consistently making right choices at crossroads begins with the change Christ works in the heart.

Hear wise counsel discerningly

- **Listen** to God's Words often
- **Listen** to those who speak to you from their experiences.

Observe others' actions carefully

- **Look** at the wise, diligent, righteous, and how they got there.
- **Look** at the fool, sluggard, wicked, and how they got there.

Investigate the options thoroughly

- Ask wise questions (who, what, when, where, why and how).

Consider your ways thoughtfully

- **Think** about the options that lie before you. How would a wise man approach them? A foolish man? A lazy man?
- **Consider** the choices and consequences you have met before.

Embrace the results confidently

- Right choices will be opposed by some.
- If you have made a choice based on God's Word, you can be confident even if there is opposition.

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**Memorize the wise choice and the Scriptures that will help you.**

***Wise Choice:* When I want to be lazy, I have a choice to work diligently.**

### **Proverbs 6:6-8**

*Go to the ant, O sluggard, observe her ways and be wise,  
Which, having no chief, officer or ruler, prepares her food in the  
summer and gathers her provision in the harvest.*

### **Proverbs 13:4**

*The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing,  
But the soul of the diligent is made fat.*

### **Proverbs 20:4**

*The sluggard does not plow after the autumn,  
So he begs during the harvest and has nothing.*

### **Ephesians 4:28**

*He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must  
labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will  
have something to share with one who has need.*

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***Wise Choice:* When I want to be angry, I have a choice to be peaceful.**

### **Romans 12:18-19**

*If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all  
men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for  
the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will  
repay," says the Lord.*

### **Ephesians 4:31-32**

*Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander  
be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one  
another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ  
also has forgiven you.*

### **James 1:19-20**

*This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick  
to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man  
does not achieve the righteousness of God.*

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***Wise Choice:*** When I want to lust, I have a choice to be pure.

### **Psalm 119:9**

*How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By keeping it according to Your word.*

### **Proverbs 5:3, 8**

*For the lips of an adulteress drip honey  
and smoother than oil is her speech . . .  
Keep your way far from her  
and do not go near the door of her house.*

### **Proverbs 6:25-26**

*Do not desire her beauty in your heart, nor let her capture you  
with her eyelids. For on account of a harlot one is reduced to a  
loaf of bread, and an adulteress hunts for the precious life.*

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### **1 Corinthians 6:18**

*Flee immorality.  
Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body,  
but the immoral man sins against his own body.*

### **1 Thessalonians 4:3**

*For this is the will of God,  
your sanctification; that is,  
that you abstain from sexual immorality.*

### **2 Timothy 2:22**

*Now flee from youthful lusts  
and pursue righteousness,  
faith, love and peace,  
with those who call on the Lord  
from a pure heart.*

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**Wise Choice:** When I want to mock, I have a choice to be kind.

### **Ephesians 4:29**

*Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth,  
but only such a word as is good for edification  
according to the need of the moment,  
so that it will give grace to those who hear.*

### **Proverbs 21:21**

*Whoever pursues righteousness  
and kindness will find life,  
righteousness, and honor. (ESV)*

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**Wise Choice:** When I want to disobey, I have a choice to obey.

### **Ephesians 6:1**

*Children,  
obey your parents in the Lord,  
for this is right.*

### **Hebrews 13:17**

*Obey your leaders and submit to them,  
for they keep watch over your souls  
as those who will give an account.  
Let them do this with joy and not with grief,  
for this would be unprofitable for you.*

### **Psalms 119:60**

*I hastened and did not delay  
To keep Your commandments.*

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**Wise Choice:** When I want to lie, I have a choice to be truthful.

### John 8:44

*You are of your father the devil,  
and you want to do the desires of your father.  
He was a murderer from the beginning,  
and does not stand in the truth  
because there is no truth in him.  
Whenever he speaks a lie,  
he speaks from his own nature,  
for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

### Proverbs 12:19, 22

*Truthful lips will be established forever,  
but a lying tongue is only for a moment.  
Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD,  
but those who deal faithfully are His delight.*

### Ephesians 4:25

*Therefore, laying aside falsehood,  
speak truth each one of you with his neighbor,  
for we are members of one another.*

### Colossians 3:9

*Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside  
the old self with its evil practices.*

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**Wise Choice:** When I want to hate, I have a choice to love.

### Proverbs 10:12

*Hatred stirs up strife,  
but love covers all transgressions.*

### Matthew 5:43-44

*You have heard that it was said,  
"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy."  
But I say to you, love your enemies  
and pray for those who persecute you*

### 1 John 3:18

*Little children,  
let us not love with word or with tongue,  
but in deed and truth.*

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**Wise Choice:** When I want to complain, I have a choice to be thankful.

### **Romans 1:21**

*For even though they knew God,  
they did not honor Him as God or give thanks,  
but they became futile in their speculations,  
and their foolish heart was darkened.*

### **Colossians 3:15**

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which indeed you were called in one body;  
and be thankful.*

### **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

*In everything give thanks;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

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**Wise Choice:** When I want to rebel, I have a choice to submit.

### **Romans 13:1-3**

*Every person is to be in subjection  
to the governing authorities.*

*For there is no authority except from God,  
and those which exist are established by God.*

<sup>2</sup>*Therefore whoever resists authority  
has opposed the ordinance of God;  
and they who have opposed will receive  
condemnation upon themselves.*

<sup>3</sup>*For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior,  
but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority?  
Do what is good and you will have praise from the same.*

### **1 Peter 5:5**

*You younger men, likewise,  
be subject to your elders; and all of you,  
clothe yourselves with humility toward one another,  
for God is opposed to the proud,  
but gives grace to the humble.*

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**Wise Choice:** When I want to talk, I have a choice to listen.

### Proverbs 10:19

*When there are many words,  
transgression is unavoidable,  
But he who restrains his lips is wise.*

### Proverbs 11:14

*Where there is no guidance  
the people fall,  
But in abundance of counselors  
there is victory.*

### James 1:19

*This you know, my beloved brethren.  
But everyone must be quick to hear,  
slow to speak and slow to anger.*

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**Wise Choice:** When I want to be proud, I have a choice to be humble.

### Proverbs 11:2

*When pride comes, then comes dishonor,  
But with the humble is wisdom.*

### Proverbs 29:23

*A man's pride will bring him low,  
But a humble spirit will obtain honor.*

### 1 Peter 5:5

*You younger men, likewise,  
be subject to your elders; and all of you,  
clothe yourselves with humility toward one another,  
for God is opposed to the proud,  
but gives grace to the humble.*

### James 4:6-8

<sup>6</sup> *But He gives a greater grace.  
Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD,  
BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."  
<sup>7</sup> Submit therefore to God.  
Resist the devil and he will flee from you.  
<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.  
Cleanse your hands, you sinners;  
and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

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**Wise Choice:** When I want to be first, I have a choice to be last.

### Mark 9:35

*Sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."*

### Mark 10:42-45

*Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

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