



THE POWER OF ACTIVATED DECISIONS

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Three birds were sitting on a limb, two decided to jump off. How many were left? All Three! Why? Decisions without action to fulfill accomplish nothing. Activated decisions are keys to all success or failures in life.

Most people trudge through life without using the positive power of activated decisions to change their lives for the better. Sydney Harris wrote: *"When we let somebody else decide what our reactions shall be, we are no longer free persons, whether we decide to agree or disagree."* Most people simply repeat empty wishes in guise of decisions: *"I want to lose weight"; "I need to quit smoking"; "I need to change jobs."* We sing the song verse, *"I have decided to follow Jesus"* but never follow through with actions different from our present habits.

Relative to decisions always remember no decision is a decision to do nothing. You cannot, not, make decisions. Thousands of years ago the prophet Elijah challenged Israel to make a decision: *"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him, And the people answered him not a word"* (1 Kings 18:21).

Our daily walk with God is a decision (cf. 1 John 1:7). Every deed we do or refrain from doing is a decision. The challenge is to take charge of our decisions. Taking charge relates to our beliefs, focus, desires, dissatisfactions, attitudes, goals and feelings

Decisions require (1) identifying goals, (2) a plan of action, (3) a commitment, (4) clear focus, (5) courage and (6) unending action. In the spirit of Paul, it is the *"one thing I do"* action attitude (Phil. 3:11-14). Are there decisions in your life that need to be made and acted upon? NOW would be a great time to make a decision and act upon it.



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Write down two decisions you will activate; one minor and one major:

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