

Better Choices

Proverbs 1:7 and Luke 18:18-30

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Proverbs 1:7

1. I Choose Reverence _____ Control.

Luke 18:18-19

Every wise choice starts with deciding who holds authority in your life.

In my decisions, whose voice carries the most weight—God's, or mine?

2. I Refuse to Let _____ Things Replace My Trust in God.

Luke 18:20-22

Mark 10:21

Compromise starts when I lean on good things instead of trusting God.

3. I Will Not Let _____ Become My Master.

Luke 18:23

Luke 18:24-30

Your Next Step:

Identify one area of your life where you need to surrender control back to God. Surrender that area to God.

Questions for Further Study

1. According to Proverbs 1:7, what does it mean for “the fear of the Lord” to be the beginning of wisdom, and how does that shape biblical decision-making?
(Read Proverbs 1:7; Psalm 111:10.)
2. In Luke 18:18–23, what indicators show that the Rich Young Ruler was sincere, and what ultimately prevented him from following Jesus?
(Compare Luke 18:21 with Mark 10:21.)
3. How does Scripture distinguish between good gifts from God and things that become rivals to God in our hearts?
(Read Matthew 6:19–21; Colossians 3:5.)
4. What does Jesus teach about freedom and surrender in Luke 18:23–30, and how does this compare with Paul’s teaching in 1 Corinthians 6:12?
5. Why does Jesus leave the Rich Young Ruler’s story unresolved, and how does that invite readers to examine their own response to Jesus’ call to follow Him?