**SV LIFE RECOVERY**  
**MAKE THE CHOICE TO RECOVER**  
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- **Definition of CHOOSE:** pick out or select (someone or something) as being the best or most appropriate of two or more alternatives. decide on a course of action, typically after rejecting alternatives.

- **Deuteronomy 30:19-20**  
  **MAKE THE CHOICE TO HAVE GOD (RECOVERY) BE YOUR LIFE**

  19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore, you shall choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, 20 by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding closely to Him; for He is your life [your good life, your abundant life, your fulfillment] and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord promised (swore) to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

- **Romans 14:7**  
  **YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION FOR GOD TO BE THE BOSS**

  7 We are not our own bosses to live or die as we ourselves might choose.

- **John 15:16**  
  **YOUR PROMISES WILL COME THROUGH THE COMMUNITY**

  16 You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative] He may give to you.

**THE CHOICE OF LIFE IGNITES OTHER CHOICES TO BE CHOSEN**

- **Deuteronomy 1:13**  
  **YOU WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE A LEADER**

  13 Choose for yourselves wise, understanding, experienced, and respected men from your tribes, and I will appoint them as heads (leaders) over you.’

- **Deuteronomy 12:11**  
  **YOU WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE A COMMUNITY**

  11 Then to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name—there you are to bring everything I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the Lord.

- **Deuteronomy 17:10**  
  **YOU WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE TO BE INSTRUCTED**

  10 You must act according to the decisions they give you at the place the Lord will choose. Be careful to do everything they instruct you to do.

- **Proverbs 8:10-11**  
  **YOU WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE TO STUDY THE RECOVERY TOOLS**

  10 Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, 11 for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

- **Proverbs 12:26**  
  **YOU WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE PEOPLE TO GLEAN TO**

  26 The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
• **Proverbs 18:21** YOU WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE NOT TO BE NEGATIVE

21 Words kill, words give life; they’re either poison or fruit—you **choose**.

**THE BENEFITS OF CHOOSING GOD**

• **Psalm 25:12** YOU WILL RECEIVE DIRECTION ON WHAT WAY TO CHOOSE

12 Who is the man who fears the Lord [with awe-inspired reverence and worships Him with submissive wonder]? He will teach him [through His word] in the way he should **choose**.

• **Deuteronomy 12:18** YOU WILL FIND JOY IN EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO

18 Instead, you are to eat them in the presence of the Lord your God at the place the Lord your God will **choose**—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites from your towns—and you are to rejoice before the Lord your God in everything you put your hand to.

• **Psalm 65:4** YOU WILL COME IN CONTACT WITH HIGHLY FAVORED PEOPLE

4 Blessed are those you **choose** and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

**FACTS ABOUT THE CHOICE**

• **Matthew 7:13** GOD (RECOVERY) WILL BE THE HARDEST THING YOU’VE DONE

13 “Heaven can be entered only through the narrow gate! The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide enough for all the multitudes who **choose** its easy way.

• **1 Corinthians 8:9** GOD (RECOVERY) ALLOWS YOU TO FIGHT TEMPTATION

9 Only be careful that this liberty of yours [this power to **choose**] does not somehow become a stumbling block [that is, a temptation to sin] to the weak [in conscience].

• **Proverbs 1:28-29** GOD (RECOVERY) WON’T BE FOUND UNLESS YOU SURRENDER

28 “Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me, 29 since they hated knowledge and did not **choose** to fear the Lord.

**IN CLOSING**

• **John 7:17** IT’S TIME TO FIND OUT IF WHAT IS BEING TAUGHT IS TRUE

17 Anyone who **chooses** to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

• **Definition of LIMBO:** an uncertain period of awaiting a decision or resolution; an intermediate state or condition.

• **Romans 12:1-2** ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE THAT DECISION TONIGHT?

1-2 So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.