

DECISIONS, DECISIONS!

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When we look at our lives we realize we live them by making decisions--one after another. Just about every moment of our lives are spent by deciding what we will do next. What we will say, what actions we will take. One decision leads to having to make another. That's just how life is!

Most of the time those decisions are simple and we make them in a second or less. Things like, "what am I going to have for breakfast?", or "am I going to take a shower this morning or before I go to bed tonight?". We probably don't struggle with making those hum-drum types of decisions for long--but they are decisions none the less.

So, where am I going with this? Our lives would be totally different if we had made a couple of those little decisions differently. If we were to trace our lives back 100 decisions, no matter how trivial they were, we would find ourselves in totally different situations! Which leads me to....

Free will. God gave all of us the ability to create our life experiences from the decisions we make. Those decisions are not made for us--we make them ourselves....and our life experiences are the direct result of those decisions!

As I have written before, "God created mankind in 'It's' image and

likeness". God, or the Creative Presence and Power of the Universe, creates. His/Her/It's creative power is, and has been, creating since the beginning of time and will continue to do so for eternity. WE are the same way. From the moment we are born until the day we leave this plane we are creating--creating our own life experiences. And our life experiences influence the life experiences of others because of our human interactions and the fact that we are all interconnected via "God".

Unfortunately, some people use their creative powers (decision making) in ways that are not for the best for themselves or humankind. We only need to look at the world we live in to see that a few people have made, and are making, decisions that are life negating for themselves and others. We could debate, forever, what we could do to prevent world hunger, war, mass shootings, etc., but, the reality is, all are the results of negative decisions made by individuals or groups of individuals. No matter what laws we legislate, or how much control we believe government should have over people, some people are still going to make poor decisions that affect others in negative ways.

I look at the shooting we had this past weekend here in Nashville at a Waffle House. Because of a person, who was emotionally unstable and made some horrible decisions, four young, innocent people lost their lives. Those four people could not have known when they made their decisions to go to the Waffle House that night what was going to happen. I will say though, and I don't mean to be preachy here, that typically nothing good ever happens after 10pm. These shootings

happened at around 2:30am.

We cannot live our lives in fear, however, we can take responsibility for making decisions that keep us more out of harm's way. I am in no way excusing the shooter of his horrible actions, however, if those young people had made decisions to be home instead of out at 2:30am they would probably be alive today.

God gave us all the power to make our own decisions--along with the ability to use common sense when making those decisions. I would hope that all of us, when making our decisions, will also use the common sense God gave us. If we make our decisions from a place of love, and common sense, our lives will be better and our experience here will be more fulfilling--not only for us but for all those around us.

God bless,

All my best--

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