

# **FAMILY SEASONS, PART 2**

# Outline #2 The Choices We Make

Praise Him in the Heights (Psalm 148:1-4)

#### 1. Freedom to choose

- a) Genesis 2:15-17
- b) Why did God create us with the freedom of choice? Isn't that a dangerous experiment?
- c) Unfortunately, our first parents made some poor choices, and so did all of their descendants. Genesis 3:6, Romans 3:23
- d) What is the most important choice we can ever make? John 3:16–17
- e) If God loves all of His creation, and His grace and salvation are available to all, why isn't everyone saved? John 3:18–19
- f) When did you make your decision to accept Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord?

## 2. Making the right choices

- a) What promises does God give us when seeking to make right choices in our lives? James 1:5; Psalm 32:8, etc.
- b) Why is the Bible an important resource when making decisions? Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16
- c) What other resources are helpful when seeking to make wise choices?
- d) What are some of the most important choices in life?
- e) What series of poor choices did Solomon make when searching for a meaningful life? Ecclesiastes 2:3–11
- Share a time when you received guidance to make an important decision.

### 3. Choosing friends wisely

- a) Proverbs 12:26, 17:17, 18:24, 22:24–25
- b) 1 Corinthians 15:33
- c) What is the most important lesson you learn from these Scriptures about choosing friends wisely?
- d) How have friends influenced your life, either positively or negatively?
- e) What counsel would you give to someone who told you, "I'm afraid my friends are leading me astray"?

### 4. Choosing a life partner

- a) Genesis 2:18, 21–25. What important principles can we learn from this inspired description of the first human couple?
- b) What lessons from the experience of Joseph the carpenter can we apply to our lives today? Matthew 1:18–25
- c) What fatal mistakes did Samson make when attempting to select a life partner? Judges 14:1–4, Judges 16:1, 4
- d) How have you seen God guide you, or someone you love, in the selection of a life partner?