

ARE DAILY DECISIONS REALLY THAT IMPORTANT?

Picture yourself in a four-wheeler. You have a map in your hand with your destination clearly marked. When you follow the map and take those correct turns, you will reach your destination.



But what if, instead of following the roads marked on your map, you decide that you know best, and you don't follow the map or guideposts along the way?



As you continue driving, you'll soon notice that you're heading off course; you're not as close to your destination as you would have been had you stayed on the right road. It then becomes more challenging and time consuming to make it back onto the correct roads. It may even seem more inviting for you to stay on the wrong roads because you're already off course and it's more work to get back to the right roads. But if you do that, you may never get to your destination.

UH-OH,
WHERE
AM I?



Do you see how little decisions are very important? One little good decision makes it easier for you to make the next good decision. Conversely, one little wrong decision makes it easier for you to make another wrong decision.

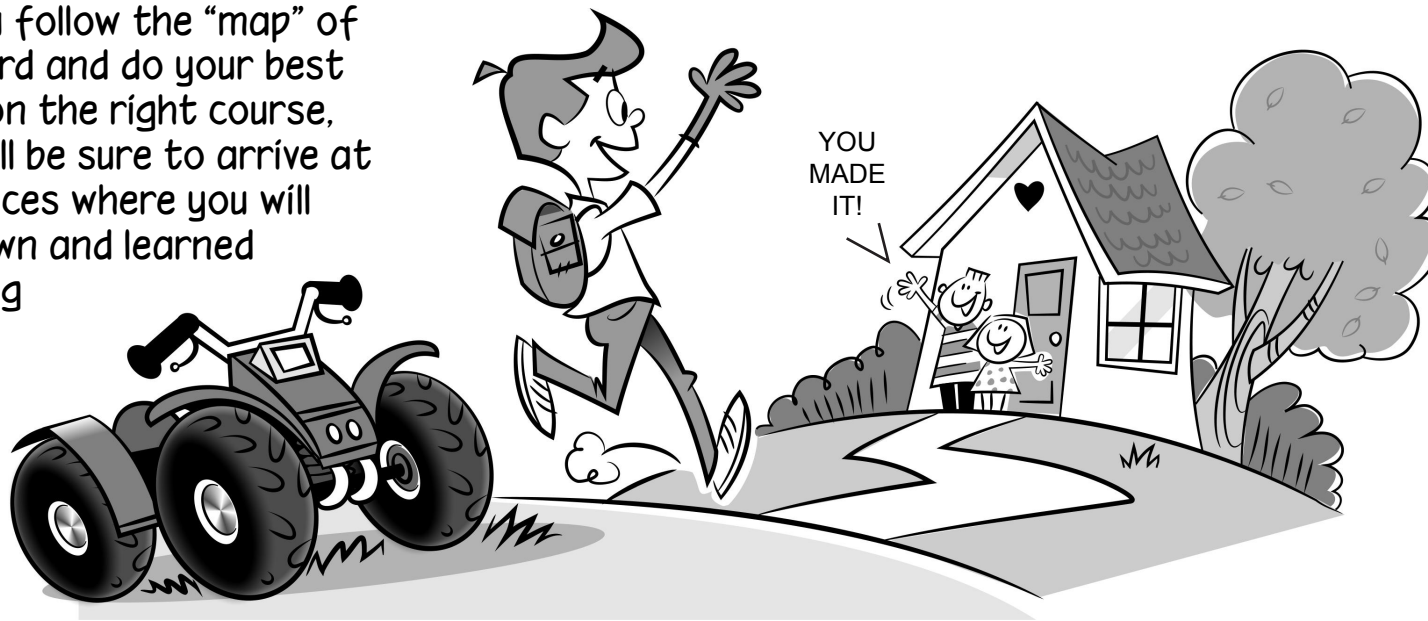
That's how it is with the decisions you are presented with every day on how to behave and act toward others. The map is like God's Word, which gives instructions for how to live a happy, godly life where you are a blessing and help to others.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. (Psalm 19:7-8 NIV)



Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Psalm 119:105 NIV)

When you follow the “map” of God’s Word and do your best to stay on the right course, then you’ll be sure to arrive at those places where you will have grown and learned something priceless.



If you want to reach beautiful destinations, drive wisely! Don’t forget that the crossroads (decisions) in the road are important! And if you’re not sure which way to turn, consult the map of God’s Word, and ask your parents for help.

As you follow God’s map (His Word), you’ll find yourself growing in strength of character and increased driving skill—enhanced ability to keep making good decisions.

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” (Isaiah 30:21 NIV)

I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. (Proverbs 4:11 NIV)

