

# Wise Choices

Week 4



### Key Verse

This week's memory verse is:  
1 John 2:15-17.



### Scripture Reading

Read and consider  
Genesis 3:1-24 &  
2 Timothy 4:10.



### Weekly Challenge

Read Matthew 4  
before you come  
next week.

## Big Choices: Where are You Going?

### The Ways of the World vs. The Things of God

Choices reveal what's important to us. As you evaluate what influences you, how you spend your time, and what you value, are you living for the "ways of the world" or the "things of God." The ways of the world are here one day and gone the next but the things of God last forever. What are you living for? If your life ended today, what would there be to show for it?

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### TEMPTATION

What temptations have the strongest pull on you? Why?

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### SIN

Is there anything in your life that displeases God?

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### RESULTS

What are the results of the sin you've let into your life?

## One Nail

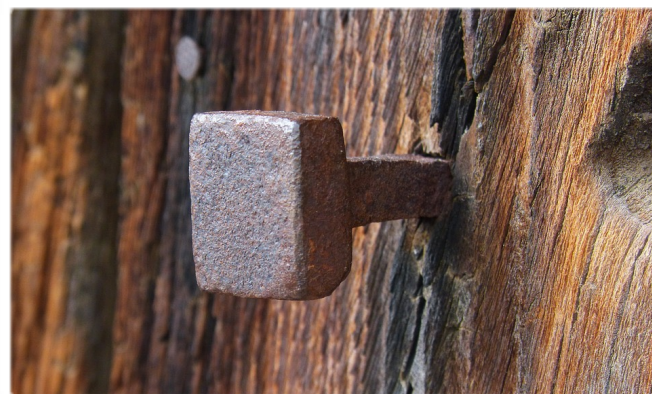
Does any part of your life *NOT* belong to God?

I heard a story a while back about a man who sold his house in Haiti. In the contract, it was written that he was selling the entire house but that he would retain ownership of one nail on the inside of the front door. The people buying the house agreed and everything seemed fine... that is, until the man showed up two weeks later with a large bag.

**“In your life right now, either Jesus is Lord of all or not Lord at all.”**

“I’ve come to hang my bag on my nail,” he said. And what was inside the bag? The carcass of a dead dog.

After two weeks of enduring the smell of the dead animal, the new owners sold the house back to the man at a great loss. He took advantage of them because they gave him one nail.



Whether or not this story is true, I don’t know but it makes a great point: Is there any part of your life, however small, that doesn’t belong to God? If you leave just “one nail” that isn’t under his “ownership”, Satan will exploit you for all your worth. If you give the devil an inch, he’ll take mile. You give him a crack, he’ll make a canyon. You can’t 100% belong to Jesus if you’re holding back from Him even the smallest part of your life. After all, in your life right now either Jesus is Lord of all or not Lord at all.

Consider this as you read Galatians 6:7-8.

### THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

Make two lists and title them “The Things of God” and “The Things of the World.”

List things that are important to you, that you do, that you want or that you live for and give a good amount of thought on how each of these might have an eternal value. Would you list them under the “Things of the World” or as the “The Things of God.” Be mindful that sometimes your intentions make a difference as well.

Which category gets most most of your time, thoughts and energy?

