



# CROSS CURRENTS INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

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Our Dear Prayer Supporter,

## DECISIONS! DECISIONS! DECISIONS!

A story is told of a farm laborer who had been assigned the task of sorting out the apple harvest. He was to place the big apples in one box, the medium sized apples in another box, and the small apples in yet another box. After four days of working at this tedious task, he sought the counsel of a psychiatrist. "Doctor" he said, "I think I am on the verge of a nervous breakdown!" "Why is that?" the psychiatrist asked. "Because life is all decisions, decisions, decisions!"

However, few people realize that indecision is, in fact, a decision not to act. Dorothy and I were blessed to visit the modest home of newly arrived immigrants, who introduced us to their little girl. She was their pride and joy. At great sacrifice, the parents had been able to procure various dresses for their daughter. We visited the home as the little girl trotted up and down the stairs to change her outfit. She was unable to decide which one she would wear that day! Many of us approach life's decisions with the same uncertainty.

The vital question is: "Do opportunities and present circumstances influence the decisions of my life, or do the decisions I make before the Lord result in greater opportunities for me to invest my time and talents in the Kingdom of God?"

The Apostle Paul confronted people living in the university city of Athens. As he preached the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, we read of the various responses from the motley throng. "When they

heard of the resurrection of the dead some mocked, and others said **we will hear thee again** on this matter . . . nevertheless certain men joined to him and believed" Acts 17:32, 34. Then and now, people who procrastinate in making a decision are actually saying, "I choose not to act." Similarly, when confronted with the challenge of acclaiming Jesus as the Lord of our life, there is a great chasm between mental assent to His Deity and authority, and active response to Him with submissive faith. Religious activity is no substitute for spiritual vitality!

When you have wholeheartedly yielded to Christ as Lord in your life, your next question will be, how can His Lordship be outworked in all my subsequent decisions - such as the decision of whether to marry and if so, who; the selection of an uncompromised career, etc.? Daily we make decisions. Each decision is important as we continue to live in transparent fellowship with the Lord Jesus. Decisions! Decisions! Decisions!

**How can I know what is the right decision? God helps us to understand how life can be lived in His will. "The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way" Psalm 25:9. The Lord Jesus said, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart" Matthew 11:29.**

The answer to the question on making the right decisions is not looking for signs in the clouds, but is based in meekness. You ask, "What is meekness?" The *American Heritage Dictionary* defines meekness as: "Showing patience and humility, gentleness, fully imposed upon and submissive."

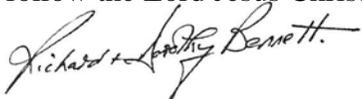
**SUBMISSION:** When being commissioned to a wider ministry from our church in London, Dorothy and I requested the hymn, "Submission," by C. Austin Miles. It expressed our desire for Him to exercise His Lordship and direct our paths.

**Not what I wish to be,  
Nor where I wish to go,  
For who am I that I should choose my way?  
My Lord shall choose for me,  
'Tis better far I know,  
So let Him bid me go, or stay.**

In conclusion, may I urge you to be sure you have commenced a living relationship with God by being born again. This new life is established the moment you received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior John 1:12. Once you have been born again, His Spirit will outwork His plan and purposes through you. Therefore, the Lordship of Christ in your life is vital. This simply means you make every decision in total dependence upon the indwelling and enabling power of the risen Christ. Submission to Him involves 24/7 dependence upon Him.

Together, we rejoice to see the wonderful ongoing outworking of His Word through the ministries of CCIM. Your prayers and sacrificial donations are vital and deeply appreciated. Thank you so much!

Praise the Lord for the following overseas radio testimonies sharing some of the decisions of precious Kenyans to follow the Lord Jesus Christ!

In His Love, 

### **Lamu Update!**

"Thank you for praying for this volatile Kenya Coastal Region. As *'Dorothy's Daily Devotional'* in the Swahili language continues to be a blessing, especially in the terrorist attacked region of Lamu. We encourage your prayers as the Sifa FM radio station is still having insecurity issues. The radio staff face threats as these broadcasts reach precious listeners whose lives

are being daily changed by the Lord through His Word." Swahili copies of *"Your Quest for God"* and *"Food for Faith,"* together with Bibles are urgently needed especially as the local supply was burnt in the Lamu region. Please continue to pray much for finances to meet the costs of literature and broadcasts. "DDD" broadcasts continue in Swahili, Kikuyu, Taita, Turkana and English.

### **A TWR/Kenya Radio Worker:**

"We thank God for the great and marvelous things He is doing through the ministry of *'Dorothy's Daily Devotional.'* God granted us a chance to go for an overnight prayer meeting held in the Coastal Region of Kenya where we experienced God's presence throughout the night. We were able to interact one on one with a good number of radio listeners who expressed a very positive attitude towards the "DDD" Programs. These included English, Swahili and a few of the Taita 'DDD' listeners. They thanked Dorothy for her teaching of His Word.

"I met a lady who is a faithful listener of 'DDD' programs which she was introduced to by a friend when she was very, very sick. She has undergone eleven operations and was almost ready to give up. Her friend told of a Greater Physician than the one who attended her and that the radio program she listens to touches on all life's issues through the teaching of the Word of God. She started to tune into both the English and Swahili 'DDD' program and found 'a friend' whose daily messages gave hope through His Word. As her faith increased in the Lord, she found her health improving and is now feeling well and strong. She praises the Lord and cannot miss any of the 'DDD' programs!"

### **A Kenya Radio Listener:**

"Praise God! I am very happy to attend this overnight prayers tonight. I love 'DDD' which I daily listen to and it has made me a better wife, mother and a believer of our Lord Jesus Christ. Dorothy is indeed anointed of God in His Word."