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Quotes about Choice

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I can elect to change all thoughts that hurt.

- A Course In Miracles

Man is made or unmade by himself. By the right choice he ascends. As a being of power, intelligence, and love, and the lord of his own thoughts, he holds the key to every situation.

- Allen, James

Every choice moves us closer to or farther away from something. Where are your choices taking your life? What do your behaviors demonstrate that you are saying yes or no to in life?

- Allenbaugh, Eric

The world isn't interested in the storms you encountered, but whether or not you brought in the ship.

- Armesto, Raul

If I were going to convert to any religion I would probably choose Catholicism because it at least has female saints and the Virgin Mary.

- Atwood, Margaret

Every person, all the events of your life are there because you have drawn them there.

What you choose to do with them is up to you.

- Bach, Richard

Choose the life that is most useful, and habit will make it the most agreeable.

- Bacon, Francis

Man's power of choice enables him to think like an angel or a devil, a king or a slave.

Whatever he chooses, mind will create and manifest.

- Bailes, Frederick

It's so hard when I have to, And so easy when I want to.

- Barnes, Sondra Anice

Each person designs his own life, freedom gives him the power to carry out his own designs, and power gives the freedom to interfere with the designs of others.

- Berne, Eric

Even as a tortoise draws in its limbs, the wise can draw in their senses at will.

- Bhagavad Gita

Refuse the evil, and choose the good. [Isaiah 7:15]

- Bible

I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: Therefore choose life.

[Deuteronomy 30:19]

- Bible

Thus we see that the all important thing is not killing or giving life, drinking or not drinking, living in the town or the country, being unlucky or lucky, winning or losing. It is how we win, how we lose, how we live or die, finally, how we choose.

- Blyth, R. H.

I have discovered that we may be in some degree whatever character we choose.

Besides, practice forms a man to anything.

- Boswell, James

Other people's opinion of you does not have to become your reality.

- Brown, Les

You don't have to buy from anyone. You don't have to work at any particular job. You don't have to participate in any given relationship. You can choose

- Browne, Harry

Every street has two sides, the shady side and the sunny. When two men shake hands

and part, mark which of the two takes the sunny side; he will be the younger man of the two.

- Bulwer-Lytton, Edward G.

What we call the secret of happiness is no more a secret than our willingness to choose life.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Instead of looking at life as a narrowing funnel, we can see it ever widening to choose the things we want to do, to take the wisdom we've learned and create something.

- Carpenter, Liz

We stand now where two roads diverge. But unlike the roads in Robert Frost's familiar poem, they are not equally fair. The road we have long been traveling is deceptively easy, a smooth superhighway on which we progress with great speed, but at its end lies disaster. The other fork of the road -- the one less traveled by -- offers our last, our only chance to reach a destination that assures the preservation of the earth.

- Carson, Rachel

You and I are essentially infinite choice-makers. In every moment of our existence, we are in that field of all possibilities where we have access to an infinity of choices.

- Chopra, Deepak

You are either part of the solution or part of the problem.

- Cleaver, Eldridge

Our generation, like the one before us, must choose. Without the threat of the Cold War, without the pain of economic ruin, without the fresh memory of World War II's slaughter, it is tempting to pursue our private agendas -- to simply sit back and let history unfold. We must resist the temptation.

- Clinton, Bill

On this narrow planet, we have only the choice between two unknown worlds. One of them tempts us --ah! what a dream, to live in that! --the other stifles us at the first breath.

- Colette, Sidonie Gabrielle

The path of least resistance and least trouble is a mental rut already made. It requires troublesome work to undertake the alternation of old beliefs. Self-conceit often regards it as a sign of weakness to admit that a belief to which we have once committed ourselves is wrong. We get so identified with an idea that it is literally a pet notion and we rise to its defense and stop our eyes and ears to anything different.

- Dewey, John

I like to be a free spirit. Some don't like that, but that's the way I am.

- Diana, Princess of Wales

Be miserable. Or motivate yourself. Whatever has to be done, it's always your choice.

- Dyer, Wayne

You can't choose up sides on a round world.

- Dyer, Wayne

Anything inside that immobilizes me, gets in my way, keeps me from my goals, is all mine.

- Dyer, Wayne

Between two evils, choose neither; between two goods, choose both.

- Edwards, Tryon

Trust your instinct to the end, though you can render no reason.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

We are as much informed of a writer's genius by what he selects as by what he originates.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

You can lay down and die, or you can get up and fight, but that's it -- there's no turning back.

- English, Jon

It is your own convictions which compels you; that is, choice compels choice.

- Epictetus

Most of life is choices, and the rest is pure dumb luck.

- Erickson, Marian

It is not something I must do but something I want to do

- Fixx, James

You can do one of two things; just shut up, which is something I don't find easy, or learn an awful lot very fast which is what I tried to do.

- Fonda, Jane

He who chooses the beginning of a road chooses the place it leads to. It is the means that determine the end.

- Fosdick, Harry Emerson

Everything can be taken away from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedom -- to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.

- Frankl, Viktor E.

A human being is a deciding being.

- Frankl, Viktor E.

The key to your universe is that you can choose.

- Frieseke, Frederick (Carl)

The way to activate the seeds of your creation is by making choices about the results you want to create. When you make a choice, you activate vast human energies and resources, which otherwise go untapped. All too often people fail to focus their choices upon results and therefore their choices are ineffective. If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is compromise.

- Fritz, Robert

The first thing I do in the morning is to make my bed and while I am making up my bed I am making up my mind as to what kind of a day I am going to have.

- Frost, Robert

In the choice between changing one's mind and proving there's no need to do so, most people get busy on the proof.

- Galbraith, John Kenneth

Constantly choosing the lesser of two evils is still choosing evil.

- Garcia, Jerry

No life is so hard that you can't make it easier by the way you take it.

- Glasgow, Ellen

You are the person who has to decide. Whether you'll do it or toss it aside; You are the person who makes up your mind. Whether you'll lead or will linger behind. Whether you'll try for the goal that's afar. Or just be contented to stay where you are.

- Guest, Edgar A.

It is enough that we set out to mold the motley stuff of life into some form of our own choosing; when we do, the performance is itself the wage.

- Hand, Learned

He that cannot decidedly say, No, when tempted to evil, is on the highway to ruin. He loses the respect even of those who would tempt him, and becomes but the pliant tool and victim of their evil designs.

- Hawes, Joel

You are everything that is, your thoughts, your life, your dreams come true. You are everything you choose to be. You are as unlimited as the endless universe.

- Helmstetter, Shad

It is always your next move.

- Hill, Napoleon

Watch what you choose to do. For instance, someone might want you to smoke. Never

forget that I told you -- don't do it. Say no. That can of beer that somebody wants you to try, don't do it. Don't you ever do it. That drug that someone might want you to use, don't touch it. Stay away from it. It can destroy you.

- Hinckley, Gordon B.

Seeing the light is a choice, not seeing the light is no choice.

- Horton, Doug

When you have to make a choice and don't make it, that in itself is a choice.

- James, William

If this life be not a real fight, in which something is eternally gained... it is no better than a game of private theatricals from which one may withdraw at will.

- James, William

We do pretty much whatever we want to.

- Johnson, Philip

Once in a while it really hits people that they don't have to experience the world in the way they have been told to.

- Keightley, Alan

Bright lights cast dark shadows when shone from only one direction.

- Kelley, David

You can choose to be lazy or you can choose to be ambitious. Stop to think about it again. Don't you do your own choosing?

- Kohe, J. Martin

Let us choose to believe something good can happen.

- Kohe, J. Martin

Any person who recognizes this greatest power... the power to choose. Begins to realize that he is the one that is doing the choosing and that friends, although they mean well, cannot do his choosing for him, nor can his relatives. Consequently, he develops real self-confidence based upon his own ability, upon his own action, and upon his own initiative.

- Kohe, J. Martin

The greatest power that a person possesses is the power to choose.

- Kohe, J. Martin

When we acknowledge that all of life is sacred and that each act is an act of choice and therefore sacred, then life is a sacred dance lived consciously each moment. When we live at this level, we participate in the creation of a better world. "The Circle is Sacred";

- Lee, Scout Cloud

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day.

- Lincoln, Abraham

No one ever went broke by saying no too often.

- Mackay, Harvey

I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it.

- Marx, Groucho

A man is too apt to forget that in this world he cannot have everything. A choice is all that is left him.

- Mathews, Harry

There is no shame in finding someone else to be attractive, or good company. Even if they don't like you, there is still no shame. If you happen to be fond of someone, and they're not fond of you, it's OK.. You don't have to wait and see if they'll love you back. You can announce it.. Joy in life comes from expressing ourselves, in taking risks and jumping in. Everyone is not going to like you. But you can like who you like.

- Matthews, Andrew

Life is a constant oscillation between the sharp horns of dilemmas.

- Mencken, H. L.

Before my accidents, there were ten thousands things I could do. I could spend the rest of my life dwelling on the things that I had lost, but instead I chose to focus on the nine thousand I still had left.

- Mitchell, W.

I knew that I did not have to buy into society's notion that I had to be handsome and healthy to be happy. I was in charge of my spaceship and it was my up, my down. I could choose to see this situation as a setback or as a starting point. I chose to begin life again.

- Mitchell, Warren

Choose your love, Love your choice.

- Monson, Thomas S.

Every person has free choice. Free to obey or disobey the Natural Laws. Your choice determines the consequences. Nobody ever did, or ever will, escape the consequences of his choices.

- Montapert, Alfred A.

The difficulty in life is the choice.

- Moore, George

When a defining moment comes along, you can do one of two things. Define the moment, or let the moment define you.

- Movie, Tin Cup

It is the moment of evolutionary truth for the race, and what man does with that moment will be more important than the events of the previous millenium.

- Muses, Charles

We cannot tell what may happen to us in the strange medley of life. But we can decide what happens in us -- how we can take it, what we do with it -- and that is what really counts in the end. How to take the raw stuff of life and make it a thing of worth and beauty -- that is the test of living.

- Newton, Joseph Fort

People are where they are because that is exactly where they really want to be -- whether they will admit that or not.

- Nightingale, Earl

To every man there openeth A way, and ways, and a way. And the high soul climbs the high way, And the low soul gropes the low: And in between, on the misty flats, The rest drift to and fro. But to every man there openeth A high way and a low, And every man decideth. The way his soul shall go.

- Oxenham, John

The more equally attractive two alternatives seem, the harder it can be to choose between them -- no matter that, to the same degree, the choice can only matter less.

- Paradox, Edward Fredkin's

The highest order of mind is accused of folly, as well as the lowest. Nothing is thoroughly approved but mediocrity. The majority has established this, and it fixes its fangs on whatever gets beyond it either way.

- Pascal, Blaise

If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice.

- Peart, Neil

Choice strengthens all.

- Prescott, Neal

As simple as it sounds, we all must try to be the best person we can: by making the best choices, by making the most of the talents we've been given.

- Retton, Mary Lou

Inhabit ourselves that we may indeed do what we want to do.

- Richards, Mary Caroline

Look for your choices, pick the best one, then go with it.

- Riley, Pat

You are now at a crossroads. This is your opportunity to make the most important decision you will ever make. Forget your past. Who are you now? Who have you decided you really are now? Don't think about who you have been. Who are you now? Who have you decided to become? Make this decision consciously. Make it carefully. Make it powerfully.

- Robbins, Anthony

You see, it's never the environment; it's never the events of our lives, but the meaning we attach to the events -- how we interpret them -- that shapes who we are today and who we'll become tomorrow.

- Robbins, Anthony

We can change our lives. We can do, have, and be exactly what we wish.

- Robbins, Anthony

We are the only beings on the planet who lead such rich internal lives that it's not the events that matter most to us, but rather, it's how we interpret those events that will determine how we think about ourselves and how we will act in the future.

- Robbins, Anthony

A man either lives life as it happens to him, meets it head-on and licks it, or he turns his back on it and starts to wither away.

- Roddenberry, Gene

One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes. In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And, the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.

- Roosevelt, Eleanor

I think there is a choice possible to us at any moment, as long as we live. But there is no sacrifice. There is a choice, and the rest falls away. Second choice does not exist. Beware of those who talk about sacrifice.

- Rukeyser, Muriel

The Great Way is not difficult for those who have no preferences.

- Sating, Zen

You cannot be anything if you want to be everything.

- Schechter, Solomon

The perfect way is without difficulty, for it avoids picking and choosing. Only when you stop liking and disliking will all be clearly understood. Be not concerned with right or

wrong, for the conflict between right and wrong is the sickness of the mind.

- Seng-Ts'an

Every single moment of your life you must choose from a number of alternatives. What you choose determines where you will end up.

- Sinha, Shall

I am not a sound bite person. I prefer to run at the mouth.

- Sirtis, Marina

If you want to sing out, sing out, and if you want to be free, be free, cause there's a million ways to be, you know that there are...

- Stevens, Cat

Be careful the environment you choose for it will shape you; be careful the friends you choose for you will become like them.

- Stone, W. Clement

If there are things you don't like in the world you grew up in, make your own life different.

- Thomas, David

You can do what you want to do. You can be what you want to be.

- Thomas, David

All my life, whenever it comes time to make a decision, I make it and forget about it.

- Truman, Harry S

There are always two choices. Two paths to take. One is easy. And its only reward is that it's easy.

- Unknown, Source

Of all earthly creatures, humans alone have the power to choose.

- Unknown, Source

Nine out of ten people who change their minds are wrong the second time too.

- Unknown, Source

You are led through your lifetime by the inner learning creature, the playful spiritual being that is your real self. Don't turn away from possible futures before you're certain you don't have anything to learn from them. You're always free to change your mind and choose a different future, or a different past.

- Unknown, Source

You have the power to think what you want. No matter what the circumstance.

- Unknown, Source

There is an election going on all the time... the Lord votes for you and Satan votes against you, and you must cast the deciding vote.

- Unknown, Source

You must give up the way it is... to have it the way you want it

- Unknown, Source

No poet sings because he must sing. At least no great poet does. A great poet sings because he chooses to sing.

- Unknown, Source

Everything is something you decide to do, and there is nothing you have to do.

- Waitley, Denis

There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them.

- Waitley, Denis

Nine-tenths of the people were created so you would want to be with the other tenth.

- Walpole, Horace

Whenever I have to choose between two evils, I always like to try the one I haven't tried before.

- West, Mae

For what human ill does dawn not seem to be alternative?

- Wilder, Thornton

That guy just cut right in front of me. But I'm not going to let it bother me. No. I'm on my way to work and I decided it doesn't matter who wants to cut in front of my lane today. I'm not going to let it bother me one bit. Once I get to work, find myself a parking space, if somebody wants to jump ahead of me and take it, I'm going to let them.

- Winfrey, Oprah

When you can't have what you choose, you just choose what you have.

- Wister, Owen

There has never been another you. With no effort on your part you were born to be something very special and set apart. What you are going to do in appreciation of that gift is a decision only you can make.

- Zadra, Dan

Every choice you make has an end result.

- Ziglar, Zig

There are many truly horrible things goin' on in the world whilst we're lost to the druthers

over spilled milk.

- Dye, James



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