Choose Part 2 February 4, 2023 (All scriptures are NKJV unless specified otherwise.)

Choose to set your spiritual, mental, and emotional thermostat by choosing joy and gratitude.

- Nehemiah 8:10
- Psalm 100:4
- Habakkuk 3:18

Choose your priorities. (First things first)

• Matthew 6:33

Choose your goals. Your goals should be based on your priorities and will determine where you will **sow** your time, talent, treasure, effort and energy.

Hannah sowed Samuel and received five more children.

- 1 Samuel 1
- 1 Samuel 2: 21
- Matthew 6:21 and Luke 12:34
- 2 Corinthians 9:6

Choose your next chapter. Visualize where you want to be. Set the goals that will get you there and pursue them.

- Habakkuk 2:2.
- Proverbs 29:18 KJ21 and MSG

Choose to embrace challenges. It will help you develop resilience, strengthen your character, and provoke your creativity.

- 1 Samuel 30:6
- Psalm 31:24
- Romans 5:1-4

Choose to cheer for others when they step into their dream while you are moving toward your dream.

• Romans 12:15

Choose kindness. Kindness is part of the fruit of the Spirit.

• Galatians 5:22-23

Remember the kindness that David showed Mephibosheth (son of Jonathan),

2 Samuel 9

Choose to encourage rather than to criticize.

• 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Choose to learn, stretch and grow.

- Proverbs 2:1-7
- Hosea 4:6

Choose to move. Movement is medicine!

- Proverbs 6:6-11 The Message
- Acts 17:28

Choose your boundaries and make it clear that you expect other people to respect them. People who do not respect your boundaries are toxic.

• 2 Corinthians 6:17

Choose your thoughts.

- 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Isaiah 26:3
- Romans 12:2

Choose your words.

- Proverbs 18:21
- Matthew 12:34 and Luke 6:45
- James 1:19-20

Choose to recognize the abundance and the potential for abundance within you and all around you.

Choose to recognize the abundance in your spirit.

• Ephesians 3:14-19

Choose to recognize the abundance in your mind: Each believer has the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16

Choose to recognize the abundance in your body.

- Psalm 139:14
- Ephesians 2:10

Choose to recognize the abundance in your heart.

- John 7:38
- Choose to recognize the abundance in your environment: Every seed has infinite potential.

The most powerful seed available to you is the word of God.

Choose to recognize the abundance in God the Father, who created the entire universe in six days.

- Genesis 1:1-31
- Ephesians 3:20-21 20
- 2 Corinthians 9:8
- Lamentations 3:22-23.

Choose to recognize the abundance in the Son of God, who came so that each believer could have an abundant life.

- John 10:10 NKJV
- John 10:10 Living Bible

Choose to recognize the abundance in Holy Spirit, who is always available to help us, teach us and comfort us.

- John 14:16
- John 14:26

Choose to measure your success by how many people you have help. Remember you are blessed to be a blessing.

• Genesis 22:18

Choose to focus on what God can do through you instead of what God can do for you.

- Consider what God did <u>for</u> Joseph's entire family <u>through</u> Joseph.
 Genesis 50:20
- **Consider** what God did <u>for</u> Ruth <u>through</u> Naomi. See the book of Ruth.
- Consider what God did <u>for</u> Esther <u>through</u> her cousin Mordecai.
 See the book of Esther.
 Consider what God did <u>for</u> the Jewish people <u>through</u> Esther.
 See the book of Esther.

Choose to practice the presence of God rather than the presence of problems.

• 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Choose to see a problem as an opportunity for promotion. As you continue to trust God, He will bring you through it.

Choose to be a problem solver.

- David's opportunity for promotion was Goliath.
- Joseph's opportunity for promotion started with the pit, followed by Potiphar's house, followed by prison and then the palace, where he came up with a solution for Egypt and his family to survive the famine.

Choose to see trouble as training.

• 1 Samuel 17:34-37

What happens if you do not choose?

If you do not choose <u>to prepare</u> for opportunities, you will not be ready when they become available.

If you do not choose <u>to pursue</u> what you want, you will <u>never</u> have what you want.

If you do not choose to ask, the answer will always be No!

- Matthew 7:7-8 and Luke 11:9-10
- John 16:24

If you do not choose <u>to step forward</u>, you will always be in the same place.

You are made in the image of God, and God Chose.

God chose Noah.	God chose Hosea.	God chose Obadiah.
God chose Abraham.	God chose Isaiah.	God chose Naomi.
God chose David.	God chose Jeremiah.	God chose Ruth.
God chose Moses.	God chose Job.	God chose Samuel.
God chose Amos.	God chose Joel.	God chose Solomon.
God chose Daniel.	God chose Jonah.	God chose Zechariah.
God chose Elijah.	God chose Joshua.	God chose Zephaniah.
God chose Elisha.	God chose Judges (Othniel; Shamgar; Deborah; Gideon; Samson)	God chose John the Baptizer to announce the coming of Jesus.
God chose Esther.		
God chose Ezekiel.	God chose Malachi.	God chose Virgin Mary to carry, birth and raise Jesus. God chose Paul to spread the Gospel.
God chose Ezra.	God chose Micah.	
God chose Habakkuk.	God chose Nahum.	
God chose Haggai.	God chose Nehemiah.	

God has chosen you. It is your turn to choose. So, choose wisely! In the name of Jesus. Amen.