

Choose Life for Your Children

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the *Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.* –Deuteronomy 30:19–20

When we as believers choose life, that automatically involves choosing obedience. On the other hand, if we disobey God, we are choosing death. This is simple to understand; the Bible doesn't mince words on this issue. God warned Adam and Eve in the beginning, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Gen. 2:16–17).

When Adam and Eve chose disobedience, they chose death—and passed the curse of death on to their offspring. Those who choose life walk in obedience to God. In doing so, they pass the legacy of life and obedience on to their seed. You've heard the old saying, "Like father, like son." That's the way it works.

Prayer Declaration

Lord, I claim this promise from Deuteronomy 30. I refuse the spiritual death that results from a life of sin; instead, I choose life. I choose righteousness. I choose to walk in obedience to Your Word and Your will. In response, I believe You will cause a spirit of obedience to rest upon _____ . Instead of the curse of death, he/she will inherit a legacy of life—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually—and obediently walk in it all the days of his/her life. In the

name of Jesus, amen (let it be so)!

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