

Choose Better

When Tempted #1

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1. Know that you are where you are because God put you there.

Judges 17:6 (ESV) ⁶ In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 (NLT) ⁹ History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new.

2. Commit to better living by aiming for God's ways.

Deuteronomy 6:1–2 (ESV) ¹ “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ² that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT) ⁹ But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

3. Choose to think about how God's blessed you.

Judges 13:24 (ESV) ²⁴ And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the Lord blessed him.

Deuteronomy 30:19–20 (NLT) ¹⁹ “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! ²⁰ You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life.”