

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: Defining Moments

Week 2: The Moment of Direction

Big decisions are important, but a truly meaningful life doesn't happen through a few big decisions; you build it by stacking hundreds and hundreds of smaller ones. **"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."** -Vincent van Gogh

Each decision you make, no matter how small it may seem, can have huge impact.

Mother Teresa reminded us to be **"faithful in the small things because it is in them your strength lies."**

2 Timothy 4:1-8

An undisciplined life never leads to productivity or progress.

The path to discipline begins with your daily decisions.

It's the things no one sees that results in the things everyone wants.

The best way to find a meaningful framework for your life is to pursue an eternal perspective

The A.B.C.'s of Determined Direction

"Direction—not in intention—determines your destination." The road I'm on always determines where I end up. It really doesn't matter where I intend to be; the path I take determines my ultimate destination.

A = Always Be Ready to Proclaim God's Truth – 2 Timothy 4:1-2

Paul stressing the importance of the deity of Christ

Live with the expectation of Christ's return

B = Breakaway from the World & Live Out Your Faith – 2 Timothy 4:3-5

Vs 3: "desires" – cravings

Vs 4: "turn their ears away" – position ears so they never come in contact with the truth

Vs 4: "from the truth and turn" – to twist or wrench out of its proper place, medically "dislocate"

Vs 5: summary: "always be a bringer of good news"

C = Champion the Cause of Christ & Finish Faithfully – 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Vs 6: "time for my departure" – used in military circles of taking down of a ten and the departure of an army; in nautical language of the hoisting of the anchor and sailing of a ship

Vs 7: picture of a wrestler—fight to the finish, runner—collapsing at finish line, and soldier—kept what I was charged with through vigilance

A Clear Purpose Determines Direction & Maximizes Your Opportunities to Reach Others with Transforming Truth