

Fatal Decisions

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There are some decisions that I like to call “fatal decisions”. That is, once a decision is made it cannot be undone. It’s set in stone, and there is no going back. There’s a good example of this thought in a song lyric:

Tattoos of memories, and dead skin on trial.¹

What it boils down to is this: You either make decisions in this life that have lasting consequences, or you make decisions that are temporary. These fall into two categories. “Fatal Decisions” and “Temporary Decisions”. I think it is better for us to make more Temporary Decisions. Fatal Decisions tend to be more lasting and riskier. We can back out of Temporary Decisions.

The decision to make one or the other isn’t always up to us though. It would be nice if that decision was always in our control, but life doesn’t always work out that way. Sometimes we are forced into making a Fatal Decision. There is no escape from it, and escape is something that is very tempting. We want to be able to change things in our lives. We want to go back and undo certain things. That would require a time machine, and those don’t exist.²

Living life means you must take chances and risks as it were. No matter what happens in life, there are decisions that must be made. Risk is all a part of it. There’s nothing we can do about risk. Sure, we can limit risk, but we cannot avoid risk altogether.

Risk is part of the game if you want to sit in that chair.³

So, there we have it. Life isn’t without risk as risk is a part of it. I wish I could say it was something else, *anything* else. But I can’t. Life doesn’t work out that

¹“Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)” by Green Day

²I mean, they might exist in the future, but as of now they don’t. Wouldn’t that be a kick in the pants for a time machine to exist. I mean, how cool would that be? You could go back and alter your lifetime an unlimited number of times. You could change your own past and history. That’s a dangerous proposition though. You would be playing with fire. I don’t like playing with fire, once you play with fire you are bound to get burned.

³Captain James T. Kirk, Star Trek: Generations - He said this to Captain John Harriman when Harriman was trying to back out of a risky situation. Kirk was basically saying that if you want to be in the position of power, you must take risks. You can’t be afraid of taking risks. It’s a good quote, and it applies to life in general.

way. It's a shame, I know, but that's how life rolls. Personally, I would love it if this life didn't have any risks. No matter which route you decide to go on it would be okay. I suppose there would be no challenge to life if that were the case.

Life is meant to be a challenge. There's nothing wrong with that. It's always a challenge no matter which route you decide to take. I think that's what makes life interesting. If there were no challenges, life would be boring. We would have nothing to strive for.

It is important to trust in the Lord.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.⁴

If we don't trust in the Lord, we are going to make mistakes. Sure, mistakes come no matter what happens in life. We will make mistakes daily. But if we trust in the Lord, we can avoid making some of those mistakes. We can avoid problems in this life. I don't know about you, but I would rather avoid problems than have to deal with them. The issue with avoiding problems is we don't grow from our mistakes. Isn't that a key point in life? To learn from the mistakes we make? I think it is.

⁴Proverbs 3:5-6 - This is a very important verse in the Bible. It reminds us that we should trust in the Lord and not rely on our own understanding. We should acknowledge Him in all our ways, and He will direct our paths. This is a great reminder that we should put our faith in God and not try to figure everything out on our own.