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Doing the Right Thing

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During an interview, the CEO of a large company was asked this question, “What are the rules that have guided your company to success?” He very quickly responded. “The number one guideline is ‘Do the right thing.’” It was so important that he carried it on a card, along with other guidelines in his pocket and took it out several times a day to read.

In contrast to the CEO, I recently heard a politician say, “I am not really in favor of a huge portion of this bill, but I’m going to vote yes anyway.” Unfortunately, politicians are not alone. It is not uncommon for people to vote someone into office based on loyalty to a particular party, even though that party’s platform strongly supports abortion. I wish the politician and the voter would just do the *right* thing.

God defines what is right. It is important to know His word well so we can understand the difference between good and evil, right and wrong.

I am reminded of Joseph (Genesis 39). Mrs. Potiphar cast longing eyes on the handsome young man. Joseph refused her daily advances saying, *How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?* Not to be deterred, Mrs. Potiphar caught him alone in the house and grabbed his garment. He fled and ran outside. No doubt, it was not an easy decision, but it was the right thing to do, and in time, God blessed him abundantly.

Doing what is right is not always easy and doing what is easy is not always right. May each of us follow Joseph’s example in all things, matters great and small. It may not be easy or popular, but God will always bless those who do the right thing.

Today’s Verses: *Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is way which leads to life, and there are few who find it* Matthew 7:13-14, and *“To him who knows to do right and does not do it, to him it is sin”* James 4:17.

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