

JULY 20

## **“I HAVE TO DECIDE!”**

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### **READ**

*1 Thessalonians 5:12-22*

When we obey God's Word, we are able to live a happy and victorious life. That's what the Scriptures do for us when we obey them. They give us pleasure. They bring victory into our lives. In 1 Thessalonians, Paul gives us these straightforward mandates for New Testament living. See how simple it is? Respect people. Be sensitive to people. Listen to God. Pray all the time. Thank Him for everything. Be thankful for where you are. Run from evil. The Bible says doing these things will make you happy on the inside, and produce great peace. Obeying God is not always easy. Sometimes you have to put your foot down and make a decision to do what thus says the Lord, but every time you do, victory and overwhelming joy will come into your life.

### **PRAY**

Jesus, my heart yearns to follow Your instructions. I want a heart that prays continually. I want a heart full of rejoicing. I want to be as patient with people as You are with me. Teach me to live an obedient life guided by Your Word and Your Spirit.

*From July 20, 2013*