



Cherreguine Bible Doctrine Ministries

dikaosune.com

HUMAN VOLITION

God's giving of the law through Moses created a much greater sense of responsibility in Israel (Romans 7:7). The rest of the human race is NOT less responsible, however, for "when they do by nature the things contained in the law...[they] show the work of the law written in their hearts" (Romans 2:14-15). Volition is the free will decision of the soul (not of the brain) toward God and His Bible doctrine.

Positive volition is a good decision toward God and His Bible doctrine. It is decision inside the spiritual life from position of strength (spirituality). It operates in knowledge or cognizance of Bible doctrine and acceptance of God's plan of grace. **Negative volition** is the bad decision against God or against His Bible doctrine from position of weakness. It operates in ignorance or rejection of God's plan of grace and the Person of Jesus Christ.

Whether or not a person knew a particular thought, or act as wrong, he did it because he wanted to do it [James 1:13-15]. It is foolishness to remain passive and naïve to the correlation between our decision and misery in life. The human free will is always the cause of miseries.

Nobody is exempted from making bad decisions. No matter how smart and genius we are- someone can always deceive us. Despite our human wisdom and experience we will remain unprotected from our own bad decision because we have subjectivity and sentimentality that can distort and divert our thinking.¹

Both human intelligence and our subjectivity cannot guarantee our soul from making bad decisions. Even the previous experiences both in the world and in the Christian life afford very little help. No great adviser with his good advices can keep us from making bad decisions and doing the foolish things that we set our minds on doing.

We hate to suffer and of-course we do not like suffering the miseries that we brought upon ourselves through bad decisions that we made. And nobody wants to admit that his bad decisions brought his own calamities. We use our negative volition to make bad decisions that triggers self-induced miseries or divine discipline.

Seldom the believer suffers alone from his bad decisions- in most cases, the immediate victims are the family members. One bad decision could bring suffering to many – take the example of the first Adam. If not by one's own volition, suffering results from someone else's negative volition. We seldom suffer alone from our negative volition.² Suffering for negative volition and suffering for personal sins are not the same thing. The believer is disciplined for his own personal sins and in many cases suffers alone. A bad

¹ See figure 15 page 133

² See diagram 10 and 11 page 127

decision from negative volition does not only results to personal self-made miseries but extends to the whole family, community or even to the entire nation.³

In the world, the innocent suffer with the guilty (the person who made the bad decisions). Innocent or guilty, each believer must apply the divine solutions available in the divine sphere through his good decision from position of strength. The believers are not excused from making bad decisions and never excuse for failure in using the divine solutions in solving human problems. We have no immunity to fail but we have no immunity not to overcome our failure.

³ See figure 16 –page 133