

## **“Did I Do That?”**

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Children are often asked to explain why they chose to do the wrong thing and with a look of confusion, they respond, “I don’t know!” You would think that they would make the correct decisions after all you do to influence them. Well, it should not surprise us because everyone has the propensity within themselves to make bad choices.

Some people continue to make ‘left’ turns when they should be going straight ahead. I have made ‘left’ turns several times when looking for a location I thought I knew. I would make a ‘left’ turn, which later revealed that I should have continued straight while I was traveling.

Sometimes we become impulsive because we are uncomfortable and impatient while we wait for the desired results.

The question that many of us ask ourselves today is no different to the inquiry of our parents when they asked, “Why did you do that?”

I recall the day I purchased my dream motorcycle, a Harley Davidson Heritage Springer 2000, which I still own today. I signed the application and purchased a helmet, leather jacket, and pants. With a grin, I walked to the bike and started the engine while the salespeople gave final instructions.

As I started my journey home, I saw the traffic growing. Reality hit me! What was I doing? I suddenly realized I was unprepared to take that powerful machine into traffic on the freeway. My decision was not difficult, I took every back street I could to reach my destination. The journey, which should have taken an hour, took three hours to arrive. I did a lot of praying because it was my biggest bike.

When the questioning of our actions becomes more apparent: “What am I doing?” “What was I thinking?” “Why did I come in here?” (and if you haven’t begun the process of questioning, you’re probably not among the living), seek Psalms 119:133 NLT “Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by evil.”

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