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PORTRAITS OF TRAGEDY
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Proverbs 14:12 (NASB)—*There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.*

Choices are determined by our beliefs.

- Right beliefs → Right choices → Good outcomes
- Wrong beliefs → Wrong choices → Bad outcomes
- Tragic beliefs → Tragic choices → Tragic outcomes

Our lives are the sum product of our choices. —Albert Camus
Our eternity is the full value of one choice.

The 1st Portrait of Tragedy: The Rich Man

Luke 16:22-23 (ESV)—*The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.*

- A false sense of sufficiency
- His choice was to ignore

The 2nd Portrait of Tragedy: King Agrippa

Acts 26:28 (NKJV)—*Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."*

- A false sense of time
- His choice was to wait

The 3rd Portrait of Tragedy: Judas Iscariot

John 12:4-6 (NASB)—*But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?" Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.*

- A false sense of security
- His choice was to pretend

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NLT)—*Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!*

