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Choices

My sister and I have recently returned from the U.K. Just before we left the “phone hacking scandal” by “News of the World” reporters broke with the closure of that newspaper and the whole of the media empire of Rupert Murdoch in crisis. The news media plays such an important part in our lives today and in recent times reports of bullying and peer pressure and the sad results has been on our T.V. screens and in our newspapers.

Our young people must make many choices in this pressure-filled world, often with far reaching effects. Our National Office has prepared two folders to help them make the ‘Right Choices’ and ‘Stand up for Yourself’ when dealing with peer pressure and harmful behaviour. Supplies of this folder are available from the Office at the NEW ADDRESS: P O Box 24223, MELBOURNE. VIC. 3001 or at their E-mail address: drugfree@net2000.com.au.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 10 we read of our Lord Jesus choosing 12 companions who will share with Him in making known the Good News of sin forgiven, peace with God and everlasting life. Those who hear the Gospel must make a choice as do our young people (and our Little White Ribboners). The choice of ‘good companions’ is so important – we are even told how important “companion” planting is for our gardens!

Our responsibility is to pray that our young people will make good choices.

May the Lord bless you and make you a blessing as you serve Him in your home, in your Church and in your local community.

Yours in White Ribbon Bonds,

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