

**DECISIONS,  
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# OUTLINE:

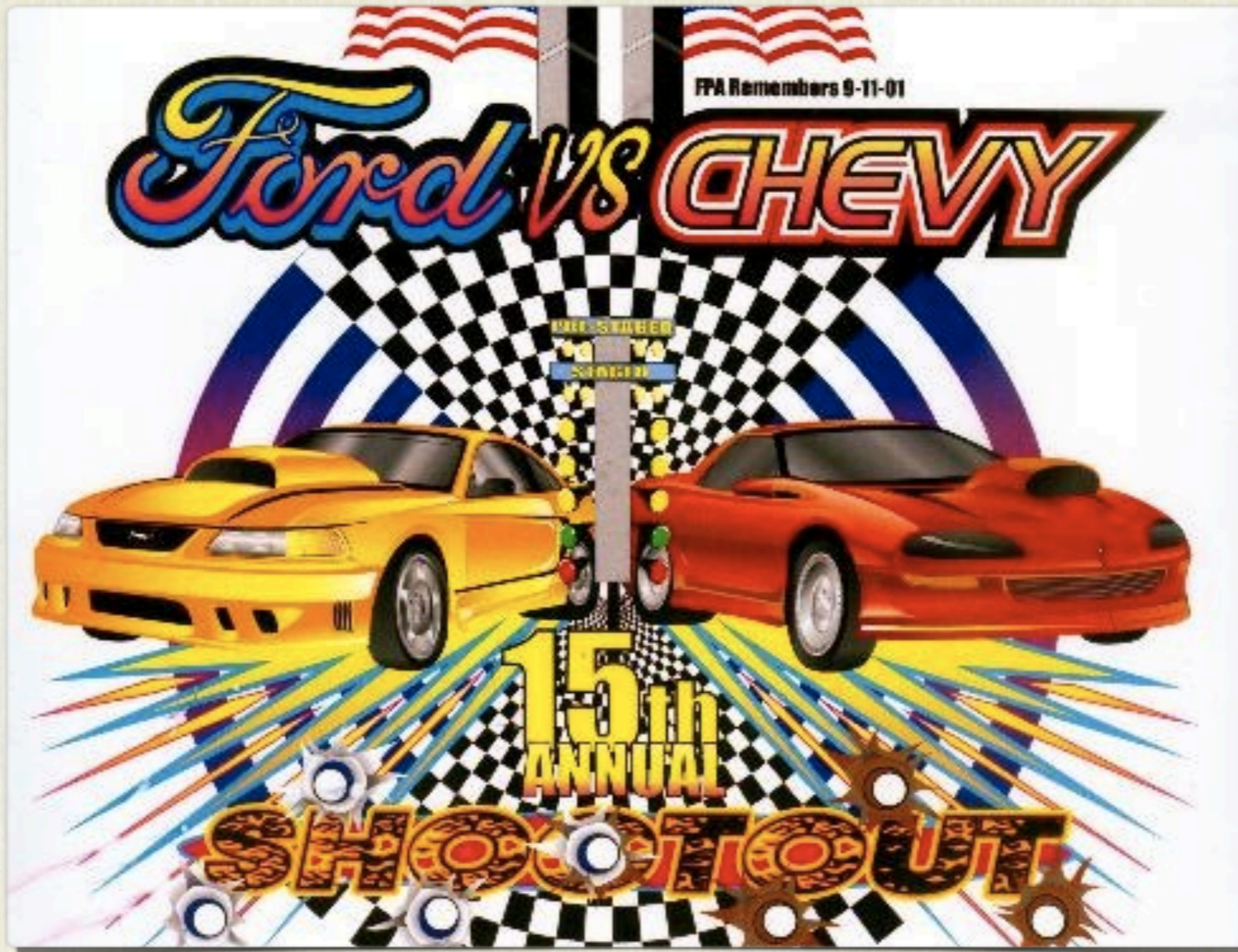
- Week One: CARE - pay attention to decisions
- Week Two: BEWARE - notice the influences on decisions
- Week Three: COMPARE - discover and commit to The BEST Decision!

# DISCUSSION:

Is a good decision really all that different  
from a bad decision?

# DISCUSSION:

What kind of decision does God care about?



GOD CARES ABOUT ...



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*Is it ALWAYS like this?!*

# DECISION LEVELS:

a Journey towards  
Spiritual Maturity





LEVEL ONE:

*I want that - NOW!*



# LEVEL ONE

*from the Bible ...*



# LEVEL TWO:

*I'll do this now, to benefit later ...*



# LEVEL TWO

*from the Bible ...*



# LEVEL THREE:

*I'll do this, to make things better around me*



# LEVEL THREE

*from the Bible*



# LEVEL FOUR:

*This will make the community/world better*

# LEVEL FOUR:

Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.





LEVEL FIVE:

*This will please God!*

# POP QUIZ!

What was the first Level Five Decision  
that Daniel made?

# SCRIPTURE TEXT:

*Parable of the Talents -*

Matthew 24:14-30

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

# WHAT LEVEL DECISION?

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

# WHAT LEVEL DECISION?

# DECISION LEVELS:

- One - I want it NOW!
- Two - I'll do this, to benefit later ...
- Three - I'll do this, to make things better around me, and/or for others around me.
- Four - I'll do this to make my community/world better
- Five - I'll do this to please God!



# REAL-WORLD USE:

- Best times to think about decisions:
  - Before bed - tomorrow's To-Dos
  - Before breakfast - Devotional time; adjusting the attitude!

# DYNAMIC CHALLENGE:

- At what level are most of your decisions made?
- What decisions can you “up-grade” this week?
- Are there decisions awaiting you to come up higher?

# HOMEWORK!

- Take note of (maybe even journal) your decisions this week:
  - Do you have a certain habit or pattern?
  - Certain times of day you make better/worse decisions?
  - What factors affected your decisions?
- WE'LL DISCUSS NEXT WEEK!