

iChoose iCommit

Good morning, teachers and students. Today, the topic that I want to share with you is our school theme: iChoose iCommit. There are three major components for our school theme. Firstly, it is “i”. Secondly, it is “choose”. Thirdly, it is “commit”. I’ll talk about them one by one.

Firstly, I would like to talk about “i”. “i” refers to I myself. It means that it is my own responsibility. No one else can represent me to carry out the responsibility. In other words, boys and girls, when we are talking about school theme, we are in fact not talking about the theme of the school. It is not a school theme, it is my theme, it is our theme, it is your theme. This is not a theme for the school to implement. This is a theme for I myself, you yourself and we ourselves to carry out individually. Besides, all of you may notice that for the “i” of “iChoose iCommit”, it is a small letter, it is not capital letter. This is not a normal practice. Why? This implies that as a student, and in fact as human beings, we are really small potatoes, we do not have enough power to face challenges, we do not have enough strength to handle difficulties, but I will say, once we commit to our targets wholeheartedly and choose to face difficulties with the help of Jesus and God, I think we can handle it.

Secondly, I would like to talk about “Choose”. “Choose” means making a wise decision among two or more possibilities. Do you still remember the following wise saying that has been displayed in your classroom? “Life presents many choices; the choices we make determine our future.” A good choice will determine a good future. But a bad choice will determine a bad future.

In Bible Proverbs, there are two roads for us to choose. Proverbs Chapter 4 Verse 18 talks about the first road. This is a road for righteous and good people. “The path of the righteous is like the morning sun”. But Proverbs Chapter 4 Verse 19 talks about another road for bad people. “But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness”. Boys and girls, I sincerely hope that all of you will choose the road for good people, but

not the road for bad people, because a good road will bring you sunlight, hope and positive energy, while a bad road will bring you darkness and frustration.

Similarly, I hope that all of you will choose wisely in other aspects. You can choose your responses. You can choose to be happy. You can choose not to be affected by the physical environment. You can choose not to be driven by feelings and environment, but by values. Instead of saying “There is nothing I can do”, you can choose to say, “Let us look at other methods and alternatives”. Actually, “You have two choices: to control your mind or to let your mind control you.” I sincerely hope that all of you can choose to control your mind, and not being controlled by it.

Thirdly, I would like to talk about **“Commit”**. Among choice and commitment, Commit is more important because without commitment, you will still get nothing. One more time, do you still remember the following wise sayings that have been displayed in your classrooms? “Commitment leads to action. Action brings your dream closer”. Yes, without commitment and action, everything is still a dream. But with commitment, dream can be turned into reality.

Boys and girls, I strongly believe that all of you will make wise choices and commit wholeheartedly to what you have chosen. I also strongly believe that all of you can really practice the school theme “iChoose iCommit”. Remember the following wise sayings: “Losers make promises they often break. Winners make commitments they always keep.” I am confident that all of you will be winners, because you will not break your promises, and you will keep your commitment.