

## **“How Do I Make Biblical Decisions Every Day?”**

We know it is God’s will that we be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:16-18), thankful (1 Thess. 5:18), pure (1 Thess. 4:3), submissive to authority (1 Pet. 2:13-15), and even willing to suffer (1 Pet. 3:17). It is also God’s will that we know His will (Eph. 5:17). But what about those daily decisions? What do we do? What should we say? Where do we go? How do we choose between things that are good choices? Does God really care about those little decisions, as well?

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### **Introduction**

“Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:15-17)

### **I. SEEKING GOD'S WILL THE WRONG WAY**

Three kinds of false-seekers:

1. Those who think God's will is lost and will have difficulty finding it

“God is a Cosmic Easter Bunny hiding His perfect will for my life in some remote place”

2. Those who are afraid of God's will

“God is a Cosmic Killjoy wanting my life to be miserable because I'm such a sinner.”

3. Those who want God's will only if it fits with their desires

“God is a Cosmic Genie waiting to grant my every wish.”

### **II. DETERMINING GOD'S WILL IN GENERAL MATTERS OF LIFE**

1. It is God's will that we be saved (II Peter 3:9; John 10:4; Mk. 3:31-35)
2. It is God's will that we be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:16-18)
3. It is God's will that we be pure (I Thess. 4:3-7)
4. It is God's will that we be submissive to authority (I Pet. 2:13-15)

5. It is God's will that we be willing to suffer (I Pet. 3:17)
6. It is God's will that we be thankful for our circumstances (I Thess. 5:18)
7. It is God's will that we know His will (Eph. 5:17)

### **III. DISCERNING GOD'S WILL IN SPECIFIC SITUATIONS IN LIFE**

Once you have considered the above general conditions you may now proceed to the following steps to determining God's will in specific matters. Ask yourself the following questions:

#### **ISSUE #1 WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT IT?**

- a. Does it enslave me? Is it profitable for me and others? (I Cor. 6:12-13)
- b. Will it harm me in any way? (I Cor. 6:19-20)
- c. Is it characteristic of the world or contrary to God's values? (I Jn. 2:15-17)
- d. Will it cause other believers to stumble? (Rom. 14:13-23)
- e. Will it cause me to serve the wrong master (i.e. money)? (Mt. 6:24,33)
- f. Would I want to be doing this when Christ returns? (Mt. 24:44)
- g. Is it consistent with Christ's character? Would He do this? (Col. 3:17)
- h. Am I doing this to please men or God? (Col. 3:23)

#### **ISSUE #2 WHAT DO MY AUTHORITIES AND FRIENDS SAY ABOUT IT?**

- a. Does God's Word permit it? (II Tim. 3:16)
- b. Does it break any law? (Rom. 13:1-7; I Pet. 2:13-15)
- c. Do the elders in my local church approve? (I Pet. 5:5; Heb. 13:17)
- d. Do my parents approve? (Eph. 6:1-3)
- e. Does my husband approve? (Eph. 5:22)
- f. Does my wife approve? (Mal. 2:14-15)
- g. Do my close friends approve? (Prov. 11:14; 15:22; 27:9)

### **ISSUE #3 AM I WALKING IN THE SPIRIT?**

- a. Am I experiencing any of the deeds of the flesh? (Read Gal. 5:19-21)
- b. Am I experiencing the fruit of the Spirit? (Read Gal. 5:22-23)
- c. Am I truly yielded to God, desiring to do His will above my own? (Rom. 12:1-2)
- d. Do I have peace about the decision? (Phil. 4:4-7)

### **NOW COMES THE EXCITING PART . . .**

If you have honestly and prayerfully answered these questions and still believe that you can move ahead, then do so---in full confidence that God is leading and that He will open and close the doors (or change your desires) as He sees fit.

### **MEDITATE ON THESE PROMISES:**

“Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the Land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord. Trust also in Him, and He will do it.” (Psalm 37:3-5)

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.” (Psalm 32:8)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

“The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives. Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be established....The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.” (Proverbs 16:1-3,9)

“The people who know their God will display strength and take action.” (Daniel 11:32b)

“For such is God, our God forever and ever: He will guide us until death.” (Psalm 48:14)

**“THE WILL OF GOD WILL NEVER TAKE YOU  
WHERE THE GRACE OF GOD WILL NOT FOLLOW.”**

