



DECISION-MAKING

Talk to me about... #6



CHOICES ARE IMPORTANT:

➤ My choice to believe or not believe.

➤ John 8.24

➤ My choice to submit to Christ or not.

➤ Hebrews 5.8-9

➤ My choice to endure or not.

➤ 2 Timothy 4.7-8

➤ My choice to marry or not.

➤ Proverbs 12.4; 31.11,28

GODLY DECISION-MAKING:

- Is my choice between alternatives that are definitively good or bad?
 - I must choose what is good - Romans 12.9
 - Good is conforming to God, not the world – 12.2
 - Sometimes my choice concerns issues about which God is neutral.
 - Example: circumcision (Galatians 5.6)
 - What choice am I to make in these situations?
- What principles are given to us by God to help us make godly decisions?

GODLY DECISION-MAKING:

So what are we talking about?

CAREER

SPOUSE

FRIENDS

COLLEGE

LOCATION

GODLY DECISION-MAKING:

- Principles to consider when making decisions:
 - *“Will this choice draw me closer to God?”*
 - Closeness to God is important - James 4.4-8
 - *“Will this choice draw me closer to my brethren?”*
 - This is what Jesus prayed for - John 17.20f
 - Romans 12.10; Philippians 2.1ff
 - *“Does this choice represent the priorities that God calls on me to have?”*
 - My priorities must change when I come to Christ - Galatians 2.20; 3.26f

GODLY DECISION-MAKING:

- Principles to consider when making decisions:
 - “What effect will this choice have on my family?”
 - Husbands/Fathers have a responsibility of spiritual leadership - Ephesians 5.28; 6.4
 - Family isn't a necessity to be saved; but when I have a family, that family is my responsibility - 1 Timothy 6.8; Matthew 6.25; 7.7-11
 - “Will this choice help me get home?”
 - I can't forget that I'm a pilgrim – I'm not home yet - 1 Peter 4.11f