

Making application from the message to life:

5) How would you disciple someone to understand how to make decisions according to God's holy will? What passages and principles would you use?

6) How do you trust God's guidance in Scripture?

7) Why is subjectivity, in contrast to objectivity, a weak basis for making decisions in God's will?

God's Will: The Will of Wisdom
Ephesians 5:15-17
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What is God's model for you to make decisions?

1) Make decisions according to God's holy will Rom. 1:8-13

- 1 Thes. 4:3; Eph. 5:18

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2) Make decisions by faith in your relationship to the holiness of God 2 Cor. 5:7

3) Trust God's wisdom in making decisions Eph. 5:15-17

4) Search for objectivity, because that is measurable

Do what is best:

- Josh 9:25
- 1 Sam. 1:23
- 2 Sam. 18:4
- 1 Ch. 13:2
- 2 Ch. 30:23
- Acts 15:22
- Acts 20:16

***Decide based on God's wisdom,
instead of personal subjectivity!***

- Don't fall for declarations about God's will that sound spiritual.
- Run to Scripture and make wise choices in wisdom.
- Objective decisions most closely reflect God's eternal decree.

Message Based Discussion Questions

1) What are the best conditions for you in order to make good decisions?

Digging Deeper:

2) Are there any indications that Paul performed certain practices in order to determine God's will? _____ What was the basis upon which Paul made decisions according to 1 Thessalonians 3:1-2 and Philippians 2:25-26?

3) Should a Christian make decisions based on what he can see or by faith? _____ How are the senses useful or not useful? How can they hinder your spiritual growth?

4) How restrictive is God in who you can marry? _____ Is happiness permitted for marriage? _____ As you might look at 1 Corinthians 7:8-9 and 7:39-40, what can you learn about "good" "better" and "happier"?