

## **“Decision Making in the Will of God”**

Intro – this should flow from everything I have said today.... (explain)

In making a decision, the first and most important question to ask is:

### **1. Does God’s Word address this?**

If so then this settles everything. Now it is just an obedience issue.

Ex. Pre-marital sex ... adultery ... lying .... Stealing....

TS When God’s Word does not speak directly to an issue or decision, then the following principles must be considered:

### **2. What Would Jesus Do?**

Being a disciple means that we are followers of Jesus; we are to become like Jesus, so the WWJD is a good thing to ask. The more you know God and His Word the better you can answer this question.

Other questions to ask:

### **3. Is it beneficial?**

**1 Cor. 6:12** all things are lawful but not all things are beneficial (greek = bear together/bring together; profitable; expediant).

Ex. Drinking beer/wearing an earring/having a tattoo ... How does this benefit others? Does it profit the kingdom?

### **4. Will it control me?**

**1 Cor. 6:12**

Ex. Masturbation

### **5. Could it cause someone to stumble?**

**Ro. 14:13**

Ex. Living together ... me drinking beer: what I do in moderation someone else might take as license to do in excess

### **6. Does it make room for the flesh?**

**Ro. 13:14**

Ex. Living together; watching a movie or TV show that puts things in your mind that could lead to lust or greed

### **7. Do I need to come out and be separate?**

**2 Cor. 6:14-18**

What does it mean to come out and be separate? I think too often we try to see how close we can get to the world without obviously sinning instead of seeing how far we can stay from sin.

Ex. Chauffer driver

**8. Does God want me to do this?**

**John 5:19**

Pray and really ask God

Do the Proverbs challenge

**9. What do those in authority over me say?**

**1 Peter 2:13**

God has sovereignly placed people in authority over us and if they say “no” to something then we must obey them. God often uses the authority over us to show us what to do.

Ex. Parents, teachers, church leaders, etc.