

## Lesson 19 – Guidance When Making Decisions

- 1) What does God promise us if we ask?

**James 1:5** “If any of you \_\_\_\_ wisdom, let him \_\_\_\_ of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ him.”

NOTE: A humble prayer asking the God of heaven for wisdom should be our first step as we seek to follow the will of God in our decision making.

- 2) What could be a hindrance to your prayer being answered?

**Psalm 66:18** “If I regard \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart, the Lord will not \_\_\_\_ *me* :”

NOTE: We need to make sure that we are not holding on to any known sin that would hinder our prayers to be answered.

- 3) What should we analyze before we begin to make life changing decisions?

**James 4:3** “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may \_\_\_\_\_ *it* upon your \_\_\_\_\_.”

NOTE: We need to ask the Lord to search our hearts and to examine our motives. Many times our motives are not pure, and God will not give us what we ask for because we would use the gift given selfishly.

- 4) Where should we go for an infallible source of principles regarding our decisions?

**Psalm 119:133** “Order my \_\_\_\_\_ in thy \_\_\_\_: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.”

NOTE: The Word of God is a treasure house of rock, solid principles when making decisions. Many times the Lord will show you what you should do as you are reading the Word.

- 5) Should we seek counsel from just anyone?

**Proverbs 11:14** “Where no counsel *is* , the people fall: but in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ *there is safety.*”

**Proverbs 15:22** “Without \_\_\_\_\_ purposes are \_\_\_\_\_: but in the multitude of \_\_\_\_\_ they are established.”

NOTE: Godly counsel is very important. As we talk to those who have gone before us, many times we can learn from their experience and avoid the mistakes that could possibly come our way. But, make sure that you only receive counsel

from those you know who will counsel based on the principles contained in the Word of God.

- 6) As one is in the decision making process, what should one be especially mindful of?

**Proverbs 23:26** “My son, give me \_\_\_\_\_, and let thine eyes \_\_\_\_\_ my ways.”

NOTE: Our eyes should be open to see the providences of God’s leading. Circumstances may arise that will be an assisting, clarifying and reassuring comfort to those who are looking to heaven for guidance. Perhaps one door of opportunity will open and another one will close. Someone may say something and at the same time the convicting power of God will bring it home to your conscience. We need to ask the Lord to give us the spiritual sensitivity to recognize these providences when they are brought before us.

- 7) What is the final step in the decision making process?

**Psalm 90:12** “So \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_ our days, that we may apply *our hearts unto wisdom.*”

NOTE: When we finally make our decision, we need to believe that God has led us and go forward in faith.

IS IT YOUR DESIRE...

To allow the principles that are contained in the Bible, to be your guide when making decisions? Yes or No