

What to Do When You Don't Know What to Do

10 Questions

To Help You Decide Anything



About Life's Choices

“We stand at the crossroads, each minute, each hour, each day, making choices. We choose the thoughts we allow ourselves to think, the passions we allow ourselves to feel, and the actions we allow ourselves to perform. Each choice is made in the context of the value system we’ve selected to govern our lives. In selecting our value system, we are, in a very real way, making the most important choice we will ever make.” --Benjamin Franklin

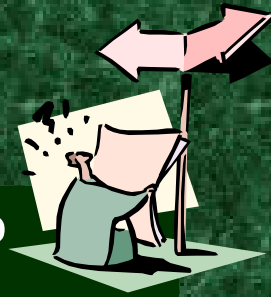
After first establishing that something is within the realm of what is authorized in the will of the Lord...

- God in the Word
- God in the Heart
- God in the Circumstances

...we still need to decide among the many options before us. These are matters of Christian LIBERTY.

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- So many issues confront us with no specific treatment in the New Testament Bible!
 - Job / career choices
 - How to organize & manage the home
 - Modesty questions
 - Recreational activities
 - etc...
- Is there somewhere I can go for guidance?



10 Questions to Help You Decide What to Do:

#1

The *PRACTICAL* Test:

Will This Slow Me Down Spiritually?

- Related verse:

“Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...” (Heb. 12:1)

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#2

The *CHARACTER* Test:

Will This Allow Me to Be a Good Example?

- Related verses:

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven” **Matt. 5:16**

“Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil” **Rom. 14:16**

“...be an example to the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity”
1Tim. 4:12

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#3

The *EXPEDIENCY* Test:

Will This Be Helpful? or Control Me?

- Related verse:

“All things are lawful unto me, but not all things are expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any”

(1Cor. 6:12, KJV)

‘Everything is permissible for me’ – but not everything is beneficial. ‘Everything is permissible for me’ –but I will not be mastered by anything” **(1Cor.6:12, NIV)**

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#4

The *STEWARSHIP* Test:
Is This a Good Use of My Time & Talents?

- Related verses:

“And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability, and immediately he went on a journey”

(Matt. 25:15)

“Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful” **(1Cor. 4:2)**

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The *BODY* Test:

Does This Harm God's Temple in Some Way?

- Related verse:

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?” (1Cor. 6:19-20)

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The *PURITY* Test:

Am I Free From Lust in This?

- Related verses:

“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2Tim. 2:22)

*“Make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother’s way”
(Rom. 14:13, NIV)*

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#7

The *INFLUENCE* Test:

Will This Join Me to Others in Any Way
Which Will Influence & Weaken Me?

- Related verse:

“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness...” (2Cor. 6:14)

“You shall not follow a multitude to do evil...”
(Ex. 23:2)

“Be not conformed to this world...” (Rom. 12:2)

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The *EGO* Test:

Who Gets the Credit? Will This Glorify God?

- Related verse:

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (1Cor. 10:31)

“He must increase, but I must decrease” (Jn.3:30)

“Sir, we wish to see Jesus” (Jn. 12:21)

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The *CONTINGENCY* Test:

Where Might This Lead?

- Related verses:

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise...” (Eph. 5:15)

“A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself. But the simple pass on and are punished...” (Prov. 22:3)

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#10

The *GREATEST* Test:
Is Love Demonstrated In This?

- Related verse:

“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things; hopes all things, endures all things...” (1Cor. 13:4-7)

**Ultimately, what
will I say when God
asks me why I did
this thing??**

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him, for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.” *2Cor. 5:10, NIV*

For thou art my rock
and my fortress; there-
fore for thy name's sake
lead me, and guide me.
~ Psalm 31:3

