

PMC Sermon – 28 June 2015

Title – Making Godly Decisions

Sermon Recap

- Christian wisdom begins by knowing and acknowledging God as the Lord of your life, fearing Him and seeking to obey His commands.
- We are where we are in our lives and in our careers in large part because of the decisions we have made.
- “When we want to know God's will, there are three things which always occur: the inward impulse, the Word of God, and the trend of circumstances...Never act until these three things agree.” - F. B. Meyer
- God will reveal Himself slowly over time if we are truly sincere in seeking His will and spend the necessary time and commitment to seek Him.
- In discerning God's leading, there is no one-size-fit-all rule precisely because God is neither a genie in the bottle nor a machine. He is our Father, our Saviour, our friend and in whom we are meant to have a relationship with.
- 3 barriers that prevent us from taking a step further – (1) Our lives are not fully surrendered to the Lord, (2) We are too busy, (3) We don't trust Jesus enough.
- Beyond the big things in your life, you must allow God to permeate the daily mundane decisions at work, at home or at play.

Live It Out

- At the heart of this topic is whether we are seeking God's will in all our decisions because we want to see His kingdom come or are we simply wanting God's wisdom (which includes knowledge of the future) in helping us make the best decisions for our own benefit?
- When we ask for divine intervention in our lives, are we truly prepared to see God move in special ways or we just going through the motions?
- How do you typically seek God over major decisions in your lives? How about the small and mundane daily occurrences? Discuss.
- Do you have a story of when God last spoke to you personally? Share.
- What stops you from allowing God to be more involved in all the decisions in your life?

Check List Of Questions To Guide Your Decision Making

- Is this new direction biblical?
- [If you're married] Is my spouse in agreement with this decision?
- Does it complement my spiritual gifts?
- Can I use my God-given talents and abilities in this new role?
- Does this new direction line up with the long-term desires of my heart?
- Do I have the personal resources to move forward in this direction?
Will I have to wait on God's timing to bring those resources to me or to my organization?

- Do I have the experience necessary to excel in this new area of responsibility? Or is God asking me to go out and gain the experience needed to move into this new venture?
- Is it ethical? Is it legal?
- Do I have the peace of Christ — not necessarily a complete and total freedom from concern — but do I have an assurance from the Lord that He will guide me in this new path?
- Will my decision fulfill a desire that has been planted in my heart?
- What are the key people around me saying about this new direction — parents, pastors, professors, mentors, and friends — how has my decision been balanced on the scales of their opinions?
- Are the circumstantial doors opened or are they closed?
- If the doors seem to be closed, does that mean I should back away, or do I have enough assurance through the other keys to wait in faith for God to bring the circumstances in line?
- If the doors seem to be open, do I have enough assurance through the other keys for me to move forward in this decision?
- Am I willing to die to my own desires if the Lord directs me in a way that I did not expect?
- Am I willing to allow God to give me the desires of my heart, even if it means new, possibly frightening challenges and a loss of my comfort zone?