

Knowing God's Will

Dr. Stewart Scott suggests the following:

1. Be rightly related to God (2 Cor. 5:14-21)
2. Be pursuing a life of worshiping God (John 4:23-24)
3. Recognize God's sovereignty over all (Rom. 8:28-29)
4. Humbly submit to God and pray for wisdom to understand how to apply God's word (Prov. 3:5-6)
5. Be continually "Filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18) that is, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col.3:16).

One might what to ask himself these questions when making any decision:

1. Is there anything wrong with this activity? (1 Cor. 10:23).
2. Is it self serving at the expense of another person's benefit? (Rom. 15:1-2, 1 Cor. 10:33, Gal. 5:13).
3. Is this something I can thank God for? (Rom 14:6, 1 Cor. 10:30).
4. Is this something that will glorify God? (1 Cor. 10:31, 2 Cor. 5:9).
5. Is this worth imitation? (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 4:9).
6. Is this following the example of Christ? (Rom. 15:7-8); 1 Cor. 11:1).
7. Will my choice effect others around me? In what way?
8. Is it beneficial to my spiritual well-being?
9. Is it a practice that will over time, tend to master me? Will it stimulate a desire that will be difficult to control?
10. Would it benefit the spiritual well being of others if they endeavored to do the same thing?
11. Do I desire to do this because it's an occasion to feed the flesh? (Gal. 5:13).
12. What do I want to do? Will it bring God glory? (1 Cor. 10:31).

The battle for the Christian should be to know and understand God's word (2 Tim. 2:15) and to apply it (2 Tim. 3:16-17) with the right motivation (Ps. 1:2). If after all this one still can't decide, then the process should start over.

From our FOF lesson today:

1. Be filled with the Spirit of God (Eph. 5:15-18)
2. Obedient to the Word of God – Scripture (Ps. 119:105; Deut. 29:29; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)
3. Our desire must be one of Willingness to seek God and to do His will (John 7:17, Hosea 6:3; Ps. 27:7-8; Rom. 12:1-2)
4. We must have a desire to be Sanctified (1 Thess. 4:3; 1 Peter 1:16;)
5. We must focus on things above (Col. 3:1-2; Matt. 6:33; Heb. 12:1-2)
6. Seek wisdom (James 1:5; 2 Tim. 3:15)
7. Seek Godly counsel (Prov. 1:5; Prov. 11:14)

Note: If all these things are in order then do the desires of your heart (Ps. 37:4).