

# How To Make GREAT DECISIONS

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## **A. INTRODUCTION**

1. U.S. Army slogan, “Be all you can be.” Applied . . . “what has God gifted you to do/be?” *Chris Hodges, Senior Pastor, The Church of the Highlands*
2. Your three greatest decisions:
  - ⇒ Will you receive Christ and follow Him?
  - ⇒ What will be your life’s work/employment?
  - ⇒ Who will you marry?
3. God made you INDEPENDENT / DEPENDENT. You must depend on God in all decisions, because you are a creation made by the Creator. “So God created human beings in His own image.”  
(*Genesis 1:27, NLT*)
4. God made you in His image and likeness, yet gave you responsibility to become like Him and do HIS PERFECT WILL.
5. God made you a COMPLETE CREATION, to become the greatest you can become, who expects your yieldiness and obedience to reach that goal. “The Lord . . . makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His image.” (*2 Corinthians 3:18, NLT*)



## **B. THE BASIS OF GREAT DECISIONS MUST:**

1. Reflect the expectancy and commands of SCRIPTURE.  
“Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet, and a light for my path.”  
(*Psalms 119:105, NLT*)
2. Carry out the WILL OF GOD in your life. If you are unyielded to God, you will fight God’s plan, but if you are yielded, you will desire to do it.

- a) **FIND** God's will for your life. "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster."  
(*Jeremiah 29:11, NLT*)
  - b) **YIELDING**. "Do not let sin control the way you live...instead give yourselves completely to God." (*Romans 6:12, NLT*)
  - c) **OBEY**. "Now you do those things that lead to holiness."  
(*Romans 6:22, NLT*)
3. **PRAYER** will guide you to better choices, "old stone face."
  4. Will be the best use of your **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**. "A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other." (*1 Corinthians 12:7, NLT*)
  5. Will be guided by **MATURE COUNSEL** of the godly. "Without wise leaders . . . failure . . . safety in having many advisers."  
(*Proverbs 11:14, NLT*)
  6. Reflect your **COMMON SENSE**. "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps." (*Proverbs 16:9, NLT*)
  7. To reflect **OPPORTUNITIES OR CIRCUMSTANCES**. "There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me."  
(*1 Corinthians 16:9, NLT*)
  8. The will of God is found by active search with your whole person.  
**STANDING AND DAILY ORDERS**.  
"Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desire."  
(*Psalms 37:4, NLT*)
  9. A sail boat's direction is determined by the **SET OF THE SAIL**,  
not the **DIRECTION OF THE WIND**.



### C. So, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NOW?

1. **FILL YOUR MIND** with God's Word. "Read . . . you will understand."  
(*Ephesians 3:4, NLT*)
2. **MEDITATE AND THINK**. "Study this book . . . meditate on it . . . to obey."  
(*Joshua 1:8, NLT*)
3. **MEMORIZE & OBEY**. "I have hidden Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You." (*Psalms 119:11, NLT*)