

# Divine Decision Drivers

## 1 Corinthians 10:23-24

### I. Intro

#### ● Anecdote

- The Issue
  - When it comes to the Christian faith - the majority of Believers here in the US are failing to make decisions - that are inline with Biblical doctrines.
  - In other words - most believers here in North America are failing to behave according to our beliefs.
  - The proof of my point can be found in the recent paper that was just published by Doctor George Barna...
    - ...who worked together with a team of researchers - at the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University.
    - And according to the Data - the nation's most biblically grounded Christians struggle to fully apply scriptural principles in their lives...
      - ...especially when it comes to thorny social issues such as marriage, family, and the sanctity of life.
- Data
  - For example - - if we consider the Christians - who actually have a Biblical worldview - regarding our purpose and calling...
  - ...only 21% of them will make Biblical decisions - when it comes to categories of marriage - and moral behavior in relationships.
  - And while 94% of these Biblically based disciples will engage in faith practices - like prayer and Bible study...

- ...only 21% of them will make decisions that are inline with what the Bible actually says - about the sanctity of life - and abortion.
- And while 74% of Biblically based disciples have a proper understanding of sin and salvation....
- ...only 21% are making Biblical decisions regarding their personal ethics.

## II. Outline

### ● Points

#### • Decisions

- With all of this in mind - there should be no doubt that Christians here in our nation are struggling to connect the dots - between belief - and behavior.
- And one reason why is because - many of us don't know how to make good - and godly decisions.
- That being the case - we're going to spend our time today - coinsidering three Divine Decision Drivers.
- And as we study the scriptures before us this morning - we're going to learn how to make decisions that are...
  1. ...Personally Beneficial
  2. ...Doctrinally Biblical
  3. ...Relationally Communal
- With this as our outline - let's open our Bibles to 1st Corinthians chapter 10...
- ...where we find Paul - helping the Christians in Corinth - to become believers - who were able to make good decisions.

### III. Beneficial

#### ● Set up

#### • Context

- As we make our way to the tenth chapter of 1st Corinthians - I wanna take a moment to put our text - back into it's context.
- It'll first help you to remember that - Paul was addressing the questions previously presented by the Christians in Corinth.
- This included the question about wether or not they were free to eat meat that had been offered to idols.
- And as Paul took the time to address this question - from a few different angles...
- ...he also decided to provide the Christians in Corinth with the wisdom they needed...
- ...so that they might become believers - who are able to make good decisions.
- And with this as our focus - let's pick up our study of 1st Corinthians chapter 10 - beginning there at verse 23 - where Paul declared...

#### ● Text

1Co 10:23 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.

1Co 10:24 Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

#### • General

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - helping the Christians in Corinth - to become believers who were able to make good decisions.
- And while the context of this encouragement had everything to do with their question about eating meats offered to idols...

- ...Paul took the time to provide them with three divine decision drivers...
- ...which would help them to think through every decision - in a way that would benefit every believer.
- And as we spend our time today - considering these divine decision drivers...
  - ...it's my hope that this study will help us - here at Calvary South Austin - to personally benefit from Paul's instructions.
- Lawful
  - With this as the goal - let's begin by first considering the argument that Paul addressed - there in the beginning of verse 23 - where he declared...
 

1Co 10:23a All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful
  - Now - that word - lawful - was translated from a Greek word - which was used of that which is legally permissible.
  - I like the way that Greek scholar - Spiros Zohdiates defined this word As that which is "possible".
    - He also described it as a word that refers to a "...moral possibility or propriety meaning it is lawful, right, and permitted.
    - With this definition in mind - we should take a moment to ask - what did Paul mean - when he declared: "All things are lawful for me."
      - Was he suggesting that Christians are allowed to do anything - including that which is sinful?
- ALL?
  - In order to answer this question - I should take a moment to remind you that Paul presented this same question - back in 1st Corinthians 6.

- Just to be clear - Paul was addressing a list of sins that included sexual immorality - idolatry - thievery - revelry - and drunkenness.
- Then - after assuring his audience that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God...
- ...Paul went on to present them with the same exact statement that we find - here in our text today.
  - He did this by declaring “All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful.”
    - And as we consider the context - it should be clear to us that Paul was in no way suggesting that we are free to do all things.
- License
  - As we consider the context - it seems to me that Paul was quoting the Christians who were insisting that...
  - ...those who had placed their faith in the Lord Jesus - we're no longer under the law.
  - And while it's true that the law can no longer condemn those who trust in Jesus Christ...
    - ...it's also true that the grace of God is NOT a green light - for the believer who wants to live for the lusts of the flesh.
    - And it's for this reason that some scholars insist that Paul was actually addressing the argument...
      - ...of the Christians who were defending their sinful decisions - by insisting that all things are lawful.
- Quotation
  - It's for this reason that the scholars who created the New Living Translation rendered verse 23 in this way...

1Co 10:23 You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you. You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is beneficial.

- Here in this version of the Bible - we find the scholars using quotations - in order to help us understand that...
- ...Paul was once again quoting the carnal Christians - who were insisting that the grace of God was actually a license to sin.
- And listen - we find the same use of quotations - in the NET - the ESV - the NIV - the CSB - and the HNV.
- And while I realize that these quotation marks aren't found in the original autograph...
- ...I am convinced that Paul was actually quoting the Christians - who believed that God's grace was a license to sin.
- Cannot
- Trust me when I tell you that - the grace of God by which believers are saved - does not become a license that allows us to live in sin.
- Therefore - the Christians in Corinth - who continued attending the carnal feasts that took place at the pagan temples...
- ...were failing to realize that a Christian cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons.
- And those who trust in Jesus - cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.
- The reason why is due to the fact that - those who make themselves a friend of the world...
- ...are simultaneously setting themselves at odds with God.

- Enemy!

- This was precisely the point that James was making - in James chapter 4 - it's verse 4 - where he declared...

Jas 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

- As we consider this word of warning - there should be no doubt that the carnal Christian who continues to befriend the world...
  - ...is guilty of engaging in spiritual adultery - which will strain their relationship with God.
  - And while it's true that there is no condemnation for those who trust in Jesus Christ...
    - ...it's also true that those who continue to live in sin - will fail to benefit from the blessings...
    - ...that the Lord has promised to pour out - on those who walk in the obedience of faith.

- Helpful

- In order to make my case - let's take another look at the point that Paul was making - there in the beginning of verse 23 - where he declared...

1Co 10:23 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful;

- Now - that word - helpful - was translated from a Greek word - which was used in reference to that which is profitable.
- The same word was also used to describing something that is advantageous.
- Greek scholar - Spiros Zohdicates also informs us that this Greek word refers to that which brings benefits.

- And as we consider the meaning of this word - there should be no doubt that Paul was encouraging his audience to realize that...
- ...believers should make sure that our decisions are personally beneficial.

- Beneficial

- With this as the goal - let's consider how the scholars who created the New International Version rendered the beginning of verse 23.

- Here's how they put it...

1Co 10:23a "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial.

- Christian - listen - there are many things that are lawful - - and yet - they aren't beneficial.
- Case in point - let's consider a few things that are lawful here in America - which won't benefit the believer.
- Adults can lawfully get drunk in their home - pregnant women can lawfully abort their baby - - and we can legally look at pornography.
- And while all of these things are lawful here in our country - - they are NOT beneficial for the believer.
- The reason why is because - these decisions will NOT bring the benefits of the Lord.

- Application

- Benefits

- In order to explain my point - let's consider the statement King David made in the 68th Psalm - it's verse 19 - where he declared...

Psa 68:19 Blessed be the Lord,  
Who daily loads us with benefits,  
The God of our salvation! Selah

- Christian - the God of our salvation wants to bless us with advantageous benefits - every single day.
- At the same time - we must not forget that - we can't partake of the Lord's cup - and then turn around and consume the cup of demons.
- That being the case - every born-again believer will do well to make every decision...
- ...after we've taken the time to prayerfully consider the question - - will this decision result in the benefits of the Lord?
  - And if not - - if the decision doesn't bring the blessings of personal benefits - - then - it's probably not a good decision.
- Seek
  - I like the way that the Lord Jesus put it - in the sermon on the Mount.
  - It's in Matthew chapter 6 - verse 33 - where He declared...

Mat 6:33 "...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
  - Rather than pursuing personal profit - or pleasure - or the prestige that comes with position and power...
  - ...the Lord Jesus encouraged us to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...
  - ...so that we can make every decision - through the lens of our faith.
  - And as we make decisions from this focus of faith - we can rejoice in knowing that...

- ...we will receive the personal benefits - that the Lord has promised to pour out - on those who seek Him first.

## ● Transition

### • Points

- This brings us to our second point - because - listen...

1. ...we should not only make decisions that are Personally Beneficial...

2. ...but - we should also make decisions that are Doctrinally Biblical.

- With this as our focus - let's take another look at the point that Paul was making - here in our text today.
- Look with me again - beginning there at verse 23 - where Paul declared...

## IV. Biblical

### ● Text

1Co 10:23 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.

### • Edify

- Now - in order to understand the point that Paul was making - it'll help you to know that...
- ...the Greek word which was rendered - edify - was used in reference to the construction of a house - or a building - a temple or a tower.
- Not only that - but - a derivative of this same word was used of the construction workers - or builders...
- ...who were engaging in the work of construction - in order to build up the thing being built.

- And while it's true the this word was used in reference to the literal construction of a building...
- ...the original Greek word was also used metaphorically - in reference to the building up of those who believe.

- Metaphor

- It's for this reason that the scholars who created the New English Translation - rendered verse 23 - in this way...

1Co 10:23 "Everything is lawful," but not everything is beneficial.  
"Everything is lawful," but not everything builds others up.

- Here in this verse of the Bible - we see how the Greek word - which was rendered - edify - in the New King James Version...
  - ...can also be rendered - build others up - - and this - according to the metaphorical meaning of the word.
  - In this metaphorical sense - the original Greek word was used in reference to the act of one...
    - ...who promotes another's growth in Christian wisdom, piety, happiness and holiness.
    - Greek scholar - Spiros Zohdiates - also used this word in reference to Christians who are being built up in the faith.
- Bible
  - With this as the goal - we should take a moment to ask - - how can we be sure that we are building up the believers around us?
  - How can we be sure that the decisions we make - are in fact - promoting the spiritual growth of another Christian?
  - In order to answer this question - let's consider something that Paul wrote in the letter he sent to the church in Rome.

- Hold your place here in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles to Romans chapter 14.
- You see - it's here in the 14th chapter of Romans - where we find Paul addressing the believers at the church in Rome...
  - ...concerning their questions about how to make the right decisions - regarding things like meat - and wine - and other such things.
  - And with this context in mind - let's consider the way that Paul directed the disciples in Rome - regarding these decisions.
- Instructions
  - Look with me - there at Romans chapter 14 - let's begin reading there at verse 19 - where Paul declared...

Rom 14:19 ...let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

Rom 14:20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.

Rom 14:21 It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.

Rom 14:22 Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

Rom 14:23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

- When it comes to the most basic decisions - like what we should eat and what we should drink...
  - ...we should make sure that our decisions are based on the faith that is able edify other believers.
  - And when it comes to the most difficult decisions - like - should I quit my job - or - should I divorce my spouse...
    - ...we should make sure that our decisions are rooted in the faith that is able to build up the believers in our sphere of influence.

- With this as the goal - we must not forget about the connection between our faith - and the word of God.

- Word

- I like the way that Paul put it - in the 10th chapter of Romans - it's verse 10 where he declared...

Rom 10:17 ...faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- Christian - listen - those who want to make sure that their decisions are based on the faith that is able to build up other believers...
- ...should remember that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- In other words - it's the word of God that will help us to make faithful decisions - which keep us from causing others to stumble.
- And with this as our goal - it's crucial for Christians to make sure that our decisions - are doctrinally Biblical.
- Or more simply put - we should take the time to make sure that our decisions - are in line with the instructions of God's word.

- Word

- When it comes to the decisions that we make - each and every day - it's important for us to realize that...
- ...the Holy word of God provides us with instructions that we need - - so that we can become believers - who are building up the body of Christ.
- And with this as our focus - we should consider the encouragement that the apostle Peter presented - in his first epistle.

- Continue to holding your place - there in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles to 1st Peter chapter 2...
- ...and as we make our way to the second chapter of 1st Peter - I wanna take a moment to point out that...
- ...those who make decisions - based on their gut feelings - will often make really bad decisions.
- And the Christian who follows the counsel of those who are carnal - will fail to build up the body of Christ.

## ● Application

- Church
- In contrast to this - those who will base their decisions on the good doctrines of God's word - will build up the believers in their fellowship of faith.
- Let's consider how the apostle Peter put it - here in 1st Peter chapter 2 - look with me - beginning there at verse 1 - where Peter writes...

1Pe 2:1 ...laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

1Pe 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

1Pe 2:3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

1Pe 2:4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

1Pe 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- Here in these verses - we find the apostle Peter - helping his audience to connect the dots...
- ...between the spiritual maturity that occurs in the life of the believer - who consumes the pure milk of God's word...

- ...and the believer who is being built up - into the spiritual house of the local church.
- Just to be clear - the Christian who consumes the pure milk of God's word - will become a believer who is able to make good decisions.
- And the believer who makes good decisions - will also build up the believers - in their fellowship of faith.

- Impact

- In order to further grasp my point - it's important for us to remember that - a little leaven - will leaven the whole lump.
- Remember - it was back in 1st Corinthians chapter 5 - where Paul challenged the Christians in Corinth - by asking...

1Co 5:6b Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

1Co 5:7a Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened.

- The Christians who continue living in sin - are making decisions - that tear down and destroy their fellowship of faith.
- And as we consider how a little leaven - will leaven the whole lump...
  - ...we will all do well to become those believers who are building up the body of Christ.
  - And we do this by make sure that our decisions - are actually inline with the instructions of God's word...
    - ...and the reason why is because - Doctrinally Biblical decisions will build up the body of Christ.

- Transition

- Points

- Now - this brings us to our third and final point - because - listen...
  1. ...we should not only make decisions that are Personally Beneficial...
  2. ...and we should not only make decisions that are Doctrinally Biblical...
  3. ...but - we should also make decisions that are Relationally Communal.
    - With this as our focus - let's take another look at the point that Paul was making - here in our text today.
    - Look with me again - beginning there at verse 23 - where Paul declared...

## V. Communal

### ● Text

1Co 10:23 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.

1Co 10:24 Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

- Own
  - Here in these verses - we find Paul - encouraging the Christians in Corinth - to stop spending so much time - seeking to accomplish their own plans...
    - ...so that they can spend more time - seeking the well-being of others.
    - And while there's nothing wrong with making decision that are Personally Beneficial...
      - ...it's also important for every believer to realize that - we've been called to consider the way that our decisions...
      - ...will end up affecting every other Christian - here in our fellowship of faith.

- And it's for this reason Paul challenged the original recipients of this epistle - to stop spending their time - seeking their own.

- Other

- I like the way that the scholars who created the Amplified Bible rendered verse 24 - they put it like this...

1Co 10:24 Let no one seek [only] his own good, but [also] that of the other person.

- Rather than spending all of our time - seeking our own blessings and benefits...
  - ...Christians must also remember that - we've been called to become believers - who seek the well being of others.
  - And while this most certainly includes the members of our family - as well as our friends...
    - ...believers should also look for every opportunity to bless those who are here in our fellowship of faith.
    - And what this means is that we should consider our Christian community - as we make decisions.

- Household

- Let's consider how Paul put it - in Galatians chapter 6 - it's beginning at verse 9 - where he declared...

Gal 6:9 ...let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Gal 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

- According to Paul - Christians have been called to do what is good - as we relate with every person.

- Whether we're talking about our relationships with the people at work - or those we interact with online...
- ...we should look for every opportunity - to represent the goodness of our God.
- And listen - this is especially true of the believers who are here in our household of faith.
  - And with this as the goal - we should consider the long list of ONE ANOTHER verses that we find in the Bible.
- One Anothers
  - For example - it's in John chapter 15 - where Jesus declared: "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."
  - And in 1st John chapter 3 - the apostle John also encouraged us to: "...love one another."
  - In Ephesians 4 - Paul declared: "...be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
  - And in the same chapter - Paul also encouraged us to: "bear with one another in love."
  - In 2nd Corinthians 13 - Paul encouraged us to: "comfort one another."
  - And in 1st Thessalonians 4 - Paul instructed believers to: "encourage one another."
  - And in the next chapter of the same book - Paul encouraged Christians to: "build one another up."
- More
  - And listen - this is just a scratch on the surface of the ONE ANOTHER verses that we find in the Bible.

- For example - it's in Galatians 5 - where Paul commanded us to serve one another through love.
  - And in 1st Peter 4 - the apostle Peter encouraged us to serve one another as good stewards - according to the gift we've received.
  - In John chapter 13 - the Lord Jesus commanded us to wash one another's feet.
  - And in Ephesians chapter 5 - Paul directed every disciple to Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
  - Without debate - the Bible is filled with verses - that help us to understand how we should seek the well-being of others.
- Exhort
    - One of my favorite ONE ANOTHER passages is found in the book of Hebrews - where Paul encouraged us to exhort ONE ANOTHER.
    - It's in Hebrews chapter 10 - beginning at verse 24 - where he declared...
 

Heb 10:24 ...let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

Heb 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.
    - Here in these verses - we find Paul - encouraging Christians to consider one another...
      - ...and with the specific goal of stirring up love and good works - here in our fellowship of faith.
      - Not only that - but - Paul also commanded every Christian to continue assembling ourselves together...
      - ...and with the prime directive of exhorting one another.

- And we must not fail to notice where he encouraged us to meet together - **more and more** - as we see the Day approaching.

- Involvement

- Look with me again - there at Hebrews chapter 10 - let's back up and begin reading again there at verse 24 - where Paul declared...

Heb 10:24 ...let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

Heb 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

- According to Paul - we should not only consider one another - as we stir up love and good works...
  - ...but - we should also look for every opportunity to exhort one another - as we see the Day of the Lord drawing near.
  - In other words - as we see the signs of the times - pointing to the second coming of Christ...
    - ...the Christian who wants to make good and godly decisions will realize that...
    - ...we should spend as much time as we can - exhorting those who are here in our Christian community.

- Signs

- Just to be clear - the Lord Jesus presented us with the signs of the times - in Matthew chapter 24 - it's beginning at verse 5 - where He declared...

Mat 24:5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

Mat 24:6 “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Mat 24:7 “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

Mat 24:8 “All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Mat 24:9 “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.

Mat 24:10 “And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Mat 24:11 “Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

Mat 24:12 “And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

- Here in these verses - we find the Lord Jesus - describing the signs that indicate the time of His return.
  - And as we consider this list of end times indicators - I should remind you that...
    - ...Paul encouraged us to exhort one another - and so much the more as we see the Day approaching.
    - In other words - Paul not only expected us to recognize the signs of the times...
      - ...but - he also encouraged us to meet together more and more - the closer we get to the end of the church age.
- Deniers
  - Sadly - there are many in the church today - who are failing to factor this in - as they make their daily decisions.
  - For example - there are those who truly believe that we are living in the times of Tribulation.

- But rather than plugging in to a Christian community - where they can exhort their brothers and sisters in Christ...
- ...they're spending their time - building bunkers - and storing up supplies - and guns...
- ...as they prep for the day when the Antichrist will hunt down believers.
  - In contrast to those Christians - there are also those who insist that - there's no reason to think that Jesus will soon return.
    - And so - they don't see any need to spend more time - exhorting those in their Christian community.
- Signs
  - Now - listen - I can't tell you when the Lord Jesus will return - - but it certainly seems to me that...
  - ...we are currently living in the generation - that is watching the parabolic fig tree that represents Israel - - producing fruit.
  - And according to Jesus - this generation will by no means pass away till all these things are fulfilled.
  - And as we continue to watch Israel - securing - and settling in the land of their inheritance...
    - ...we're also watching the wars - and rumors of war - and natural disasters - and pestilences...
    - ...that Jesus listed as the prophetic indicators of His second coming.
      - And it's for this reason that I encourage every believer to make decisions - in light of their Christian community.
- Challenge

- With this as our goal - we should consider the counsel that Paul presented to the Christians at the church in Philippi.
- Let's turn in our Bibles to Philippians chapter 2 - and as we make our way to the second chapter of Philippians...
  - ...we should take a moment to examine our own lives - by asking...
    - ...am I making decisions that will help me build better relationships with others at church?
    - Or - am I making decisions that lead me away from my Christian community?
      - Am I a believer who is only seeking the blessings of personal benefits...
        - ...or - am I making decisions that are Relationally Communal?

## ● Application

- Example
- With these questions in mind - let's consider the encouragement that Paul presented - here in Philippians chapter 2.
- Look with me - beginning there at verse 3 - where Paul declared...

Phl 2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Phl 2:4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Phl 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

Phl 2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Phl 2:7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Phl 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - encouraging the Christians in Philippi to remember that...
- ...those who trust in Christ Jesus should not only look out for their own interests - but also for the interests of others.
- And much like Jesus - Who decidedly clothed Himself with human frailty - so that sinners could be saved by faith in His sacrifice...
- ...Christians have been called to set aside the conceit of selfish ambition...
- ...so that we can become those believers who sacrificially seek to be a blessing - to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## VI. Conclusion

### ● Wrap up

#### • Points

- Now - as we begin to wrap up this sermon - I wanna take a moment to recap the divine decision drivers - that we've considered here in this study.
- With this as our focus - it'll help you to remember that...
  1. Christians should make decisions that are Personally Beneficial.
    - And just to be clear - we're talking about the Benefits that the Lord pours out...
    - ...on those who seek first the kingdom of God - and His righteousness.
  2. Christians should also make decisions that are Doctrinally Biblical.
    - And what this means is that - believers should take the time to make sure that...

- ...our decisions are actually inline with the instructions of God's word

### 3. Finally - Christian should make decisions that are Relationally Communal.

- And with this as our goal - we should spend time studying the ONE Another verses...
- ...so that we can make sure that we're not just seeking our own personal benefits...
- ...but so that we might also make decisions - that will benefit our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- And listen - as we apply these divine decision drivers to our daily decisions...
- ...we will become those believers who's behavior - will line up with our beliefs.
- In this way - the Holy Spirit will provide us with divine guidance - so that we can make good decisions that glorify God.