

Good Decisions in a Complex Culture

Philippians 1:1-11

EXERCISING GENEROSITY

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (NLT) Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. ² They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.

Matthew 24:12 because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

A good decision to make in our complex culture is to exercise generosity towards others because we can be a blessing to people and impact the kingdom of God.

ALIGNING OUR HEARTS WITH GOD'S HEART

2 Peter 3:18 ...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 pray without ceasing,

A good decision to make in our complex culture is to align our hearts with God's heart so that the life we live lines up with His desires for us and others.

DEVELOPING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND DISCERNMENT

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2 Peter 1:3 ...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.

John 15:8a By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit.

John 15:4-5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

A good decision to make in our complex culture is being committed to loving people effectively by growing in knowledge and discernment.