

FAQ'S

How Do I Make Great Decisions? Part 2

9-26-21

Ephesians 5:15 - Be very **careful**, then, how you **live** –not as unwise **but as wise** ...

Careful means: On the lookout.

Live means: To tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary):

1. The call from God is to live by a _____ standard.

Ephesians 5:16 - ...making the most of every opportunity, because the **days are evil**.

The right question: Is it _____ for me to do...

2. The culture has a current you don't want to get _____ away in.

3. The challenge to _____:

Ephesians 5:17 - Therefore do not be foolish, **but understand** what the Lord's will is.

*Paul is saying: "Stop playing games and deceiving yourself."

Be on the lookout (careful) and ask:

1. Is it in harmony with _____?
The _____ or the _____

Psalm 119:105- Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

2. Would I want everyone to know about this _____?

Proverbs 10:9- The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths **will be found out**.

James 4:17- Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

3. Will it make me a _____?

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 - "Everything is permissible" - but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible" - but not everything is constructive.

²⁴ Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.

4. Could it become _____ to me?

1 Corinthians 6:12- "Everything is permissible for me" - but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me" - but I will not be **mastered by anything**.

5. Will it harm _____?

Romans 14:12-14 - So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

¹³ Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way. ¹⁴ As one who is in the Lord Jesus, I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for him it is unclean.

Romans 15:1-3 - We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

6. Is it the best investment of my _____ and _____ that God has given me?

Ephesians 5:15-17 - Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.