

Questions Your Neighbors Are Asking

How Can I Make the Right Decision?

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- In life we will be forced to make decisions we didn't plan to make, and that we don't want to make. There is never enough time. The information is always limited. We wish we could know more. We wish we could know the future. But we have got to make a decision.
- When we are forced to make decisions we don't anticipate having to make, oftentimes they really are life-changing moments for us.

Question:

❖ Am I being _____ honest with myself?

Problems in making decisions:

1. You are an _____ at selling yourself on something you really want to **do** whether you should do it or not.
2. We are not really interested in "doing the _____ thing."
We are _____ in being "happy."
3. There is something wrong with you and you don't have any _____ over it.

Background:

Jeremiah 1:4-5- The word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

1. The kingdom of Israel had split and Jeremiah was a prophet in the Southern Kingdom where Jerusalem was. He was a prophet during a time when God was _____ the nation of Israel.
2. God is not going to honor them because God is judging them. The issue isn't, "How big is your army?" The issue is " _____ is your God?"

2 Kings 22:13- Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD's anger that burns against us because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us.

2 Kings 22:17-18- "Because they have forsaken me and burned incense to other gods and provoked me to anger by all the idols their hands have made, my anger will burn against this place and will not be quenched.' ¹⁸ Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, 'This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard.'"

Jeremiah 29:21- This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says about Ahab son of Kolaiah and Zedekiah son of Maaseiah, who are prophesying lies to you in my name: "I will hand them over to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he will put them to death before your very eyes."

Jeremiah 17:9- The heart is **deceitful** above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

3. He uses the word *deceitful*.

Deceitful means: **Little** _____
and a little _____.

Truth about asking “Am I being **completely** honest with myself?” It will be both _____
and **terrifying** all at the same time.

The reason we lie to ourselves is because it gives us the
_____ to push ahead and do the wrong thing.

John 8:32- You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.