

VI. Decision

There is a time to decide. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

“Just Do Something”

- Luke 19:11-27
- Boldness and risk-taking in decision-making because of a sovereign God

VII. Expectation

Biblical decision-making is obsessed with our responsibility to be faithful stewards, and it is confident that God cannot be thwarted in his work of always doing what is best.

- Romans 8:28

Good resources:

- *Just Do Something* by Kevin DeYoung
- *Guidance and the Voice of God* by Tony Payne & Philip Jensen
- *Step By Step* by James Petty

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Core Seminars – Guidance



Class 1: Anxious or Restful?

Course Outline:

1. Anxious or Restful?
2. God's Providence
3. God's Will
4. Faithfulness
5. Tools of the Trade Part 1: God's Word, Prayer, Counsel
6. Tools of the Trade Part 2: Circumstances and Feelings
7. Panel

1. Introduction

Why would God be displeased with anxious decision-making?

2. How Does God Guide Us?

Three ways to think about Christian decision-making:

- 1) Guidance = Discerning God's Plan
- 2) Guidance = Listening to God
- 3) Guidance = Wisdom (normally)

3. Our Enemy: Indwelling Sin

Sin blinds us and keeps us from making wise decisions.

4. God Guides Us!

5. A Framework for Decision-Making

I. Consecration

Consecration means we need to understand ourselves,

God, and how _____ relates to his providence.

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 6:33

II. Information

Start with the question, “Is this _____ by God?”

Gather information about:

1) Yourself

2) Your situation

Romans 12:3

III. Supplication

Prayer - Despite the fact that we know God is sovereign – in fact, precisely because we know He is in control – we are to ask God for guidance in the way we should go.

- Ps. 25:5, Luke 11:13

Be persistent in prayer:

- Luke 18:1-5

IV. Consultation

Ask believing, mature Christians who know you and love you for counsel.

- Proverbs 12:15, 13:10, 15:22

V. Meditation

Biblical meditation is the process of thoughtfully and deliberately applying God’s word to our lives.

- Joshua 1:8-9
- Pitfalls