

LECTURE # 16

A MODEL FOR DECISION MAKING

I. WE NEED TO CLARIFY SOME _____ ABOUT DECISION-MAKING.

- A. God's Word is _____.
- B. God is _____ now revealing Himself in Special Revelation.
See: Heb 1:1-2; 2:1-4; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:3
- C. God's _____ is always consistent with God's _____.
- D. My choices reveal my _____.

II. WE NEED TO CLARIFY THE _____ TO ASK IN DECISION-MAKING.

- A. Here's the _____ question...
...How can I _____ God's will?
- B. Here's a _____ question...
...How can I make a good decision?
- C. Four _____ from Romans 12:1-2 that can help us...
 1. Principle #1: I must be in the place of total _____ to God.
 2. Principle #2: I must be aware of the _____ of _____
 - a. The first competing value is the Will of the _____.
 - b. The second competing value is the Will of _____.

3. Principle #3: I must emphasize the importance of my _____, and not my _____.
4. Principle #4: I must _____ the alternatives with these questions...
 - a. Is it _____?
 - b. Is it _____ to God?
 - c. Will it help me be more _____ in Christ?

III. WE NEED TO CLARIFY THE _____ TO FOLLOW IN MAKING A GOOD DECISION.¹

- A. _____ the problem.
- B. Gather all the _____ needed to make a good decision.
- C. Build _____.
- D. Predict the _____ of each alternative.
- E. _____ and make the decision.
 1. I need to _____ my values.
 2. I need to _____ my values by _____.
 3. I need to _____ God's values to my alternatives.

¹ James Grier, *A Life of Integrity: Right Choices*, article in RBP quarterly, 1991