

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

April 19, 2026

Making Godly Decisions

The scientific community says that people make 35,000 decisions daily. This means people are either processing lots of information or instinctively deciding what to do. Making decisions instinctively can reflect how we feel, what makes sense to us, or speculation of what we encountered. Either way, these decisions will determine each person's course of action. Because of the significance of these decisions, 2 Corinthians 10:5 reads: "We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,, whenever your obedience is complete." (NASU) Furthermore, the same writer warns Timothy, "But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels..... if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will." (2 Tim 2:23-26; NASU)



Making decisions based on our own understanding is prohibited by God (Prov. 3:5). If we persist in making decisions in this manner Ephesians 4:17-20 states we become darkened in our understanding, no longer moved by the Holy Spirit (excluded from the life of God, vs. 18), ignorant, hard hearted, callous while practicing all kinds of greed or impurity.

So if we speculate, Satan can influence us. If we lean on our own understanding, it can deteriorate our spiritual development and cause us to become a carnal Christian (1 Cor. 3:1-3).

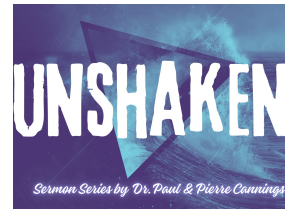
Best decision-making structure requires knowledge; therefore it is essential we begin with renewing our minds (Romans 12:2). "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ." (Phil. 1:9-10; NAS)

Making a decisive decision to determinatively transform ones' mind to the teachings of Christ takes place when a believer (Luke 6:45) seeks the Lord with all their hearts (Luke 12:31), with a commitment to obey His Word (Hebr. 5:14). Our obedience matures us not to just comprehend the scriptures but also inspires us to be discerning (Phil. 1:9-11). This provides guaranteed success because the Word does not return void (Isa. 55:11), and when we walk by faith (Rom. 10:17), we are blessed on earth (Hebr. 11:6), and in heaven (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

This decision-making process protects us from making mistakes (2 Peter. 3, 9-11), guides us to walk in the light as He is in the light (Ps. 119:105; Eph. 5:8), as we become empowered to not be defeated by Satan (Eph. 6:17; Hebr. 4:12; 1 John 2:14) or overwhelmed by our circumstances (Phil. 4:8-9). This keeps us sober-minded no matter what impacts our lives (1 Peter 5:8).

'Christ Alone.'

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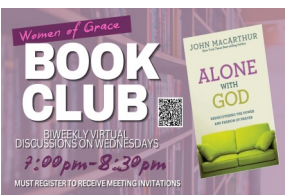
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LUKE 6:46-49