What Motivates Your Decisions

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INTRODUCTION

- Big or small, the decisions we made are first nurtured in our heart.
- Each choice opens a window into our heart about what we love and where our priorities are.
- The idea is to keep asking yourself why until you drill down to the real reason behind the decision.

1 Will My Decision Glorify God?

1 Corinthians 10:31; Matthew 6:1–6; Luke 9:23

- Good decisions begin with a desire to magnify God in our lives.
- Something may be biblically right to do, but still be a bad decision based upon our motive.
- Are you doing it to bring glory to God or are you doing it to bring glory to yourself and elevate yourself?
- A good decision reflects the fact that God deserves our first and our finest.
- Priority is most often expressed through sacrifice.
- The finest decisions we can make are those that submit our will to God's glory.

2 Will My Decision Deepen the Spiritual Commitment of Others?

2 Timothy 2:10; 1 Corinthians 8:8; Romans 14:7

- We do not live in a bubble. We must consider how our decisions affect the spiritual welfare of others.
- Every important decision that you make affects more than just you.
- People's spiritual needs must come before our personal rights.
- He clearly placed the spiritual needs of others before his own physical comfort. He made it harder on himself in order to help others.
- For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.
- The best decisions in life are those that are made for the spiritual well being of others.

3 Display the Priority Jesus Has in My Life

Luke 10:42; James 1:2–4; Colossians 3:23

- Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her.
- When we live for God's glory and the salvation of others, our spiritual growth is certain.
- We must constantly choose to see our circumstances as opportunities for growth and our responsibilities as opportunities for service.
- Making good decisions is more than just asking ourselves, do I have the right to do this? It's asking ourselves, Am I doing the right thing for the right reasons?

- We will either long to please God or we will demand to please ourselves. There's no in between.
- We are never less free than when we declare our independence from God.

4 Real People With Real Decisions

- You have an offer to advance your career by moving to another part of the country. There are no churches there.
- If your family's spiritual situation takes a nosedive, is it worth it for the sake of your career?
- Your child is offered a full scholarship to a prestigious university. There's a church nearby, but it's not scripturally sound.
- Maybe they have to take out student loans, but their soul is worth it.
- Just because you can afford a larger house or a nicer car doesn't mean you should.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you be prepared when the time comes to consider why you are making these type of decisions?

MY NOTES