

Avoiding Bad Decisions

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9

As a conscientious follower of Christ, you wish to follow the leadership of God. However, the Bible does not address most decisions that you must make. This means you must seek his will from a source outside of the Bible. Options include taking the decision out of your hands, seeking the counsel of trusted friends, and subjectively sensing that this is something God wants you to do.

Often you hear people say things like, "God spoke to me that I should..." Or, "I feel this is what God wants me to do." When you apply this technique in seeking God's will, you should factor in the warning of God's prophet Jeremiah: "Your heart is deceitful above all things." This is especially true if you are dealing with an area of your life that coincides with what you really want to do.

In those areas in which you think God cares about the decisions you make, remember this warning of Jeremiah. You do not want to fear God to the point that you are frozen in indecision. On the other hand, you should not be cavalier in your decision-making. If God cares what you do, He will hold you accountable for your decisions at the Judgment.