

Decisional Balance

“Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul” (1 Pet. 2:11).

Decisional balance is a tabular method for representing the pros and cons of different choices helping someone decide what to do in a certain circumstances.

I’ve been sitting on this message for several weeks. Each time before I post, I ask the Lord for His direction and guidance (as do Rachael and Alicia). I felt strongly to post this message as the Weekend Word tweaking as the Lord led.

Like me, I believe you probably make dozens upon dozens of decisions each day. When you are walking through life you have daily decisions you need to make. It may seem like many of your daily decisions are not that significant, however it’s important to understand that some are. Like stopping by here to read the Weekend word (GRIN).

I don’t have to tell you that one wrong decision made in the flesh can really work against you setting off a chain of events, while some daily decisions have little or no consequences. Did you know that you approach each decision with a pre-existing bend towards your own comfort? God’s word directly confronts that self-favoring, pre-existing condition of leaning towards your own comfort.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105).

Decisions basically fall into several different categories; trivial decisions, minor decisions or major decisions. Every decision varies in how it affects you keeping in mind that major and minor decisions can carry eternal impact with them. Major or minor decisions have the potential to reflect God in your choices.

“Do you find it easy to make decisions, or is it a challenge for you to do so? If we are to progress to Christian maturity, we must learn to distinguish and make decisions that reflect Christ, not those of someone else “(Emphasis added Roman 12:1, 2; Hebrews. 5:14).

Obviously, major decisions will have a greater impact on your life than smaller ones, but either way, you need God's guidance on these decisions. Trivial decisions (what color socks or how much cologne to wear) carry little worth or importance in the scope of eternity. You must train yourself to make decisions (major or minor) using principles established in the word of God.

Hear this, there are areas right now in your life where you need to combat the flesh regarding some decisions you are about to make. You have an enemy who schemes or stirs up distractions in hopes that your flesh rises up causing you to make the wrong choice.

Today you are going to make decisions. Whether those decisions are major or minor your flesh must take a back seat when making them. Flesh will always want its own way, and you can guarantee it isn't God's way.

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please" (Gal. 5:16-17).

The truth about God never changes, and you can trust the direction He sends you or the paths He puts you on. As you apply the truth of His Word to your life, you can be sure you are making choices that will honor Him and accomplish His purposes. A part of maturing in your relationship with God, is making wise decisions according to His Word (though you won't always get a specific, detailed plan for a decision that has to be made).

Make your decisions a matter of prayer and ask Him to guide you. If you are truly open to His will, He will direct you in all things. God knows what is best for you and He wants to guide you so you will make God-honoring decisions.

"In all your ways submit to him, and He will direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

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