



Making Decisions as Disciples of Christ

I. Four Voices

- A. Our own thoughts and experiences (2 Cor.10:5)
- B. The opinions of others
- C. The devil's influence
- D. The voice of God

II. How does God communicate with us?

A. Through the Scriptures

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
Psalm 119:105. (see also Jos.1:8)

B. Through waiting on God

- In prayer – Jesus deciding who would be His disciples (Luke 6:12-16)
- In worship (Acts 13:2-3)

C. Through the Holy Spirit's impressions

- Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40)
- Paul (Acts 16:6-10)

D. Through Peace

- “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...”
- Col.3:15
- Big decision process: seek God in prayer, counsel; make a decision a week in advance; sit on it for a week to see if the Holy Spirit confirms it through peace.

Hearing God / week #3

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E. Through Circumstances

- Open and closed doors (read Revelation 3 and Acts 16 passages)
- Henry Blackaby: “Look where God’s working and join Him in it”

F. Family & Friends – Jethro to Moses (Ex.18)

- Believers functioning in their gifts (Acts 11:27-30)
- Spiritual leaders (Jos.1:10-18)

G. Through Supernatural Means

- Visions, dreams (Mt. 2:13-15)
- Via whatever means God chooses (Num. 22:21-35)

Practical Discernment Points

1. Is it scriptural?
2. The Holy Spirit will *never* ask us to do something that is contrary to the Scriptures, violate the value of people, or lead someone to do something outside the biblical attitude of walking under authority.
3. Is it in line with God's character and ways?
4. Does it glorify Jesus – “enhancing His reputation in the eyes of others”?
5. Does it bear witness to other believers and spiritual leaders that you're walking with?
6. Does it meet the “triple confirmation” test: scriptural – Holy Spirit bearing witness within you – confirmation of other godly people in your life?