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March 8 & 11, 2023

Lesson 13

(D1: THE HEART, D2: THE HOME, D3: MINISTRY)
BIBLICAL DECISION MAKING AND THE FALLACY OF "FINDING" GOD'S WILL

DUE:

Wednesday, March 22/Saturday, March 25

Before you begin your homework, take some time to pray and direct your heart and mind towards God and His Word. Ask God for help in submitting your life and thoughts to His word that you might draw near to Him in this time. Ask Him to increase your desire to know and love and obey Him.

LOOKING BACK...

Look back at your outline and notes from the last lesson on Biblical Decision Making. List the ways God's will is revealed in scripture.

Remind yourself of the man-centered ways of making decisions.

What are some things that stood out to you from the lesson? Were there any parts of the lesson that were new or a challenge to you? The following questions may help you think through your answer. Choose at least 2 of these questions to answer.

1. Do you find yourself using some of the man-centered justifications for making decisions? If so, which one(s)? What principles from our last lesson help you think clearly in this area?

2. Why is it unwise to use inner peace as a good reason to make a good decision? How trustworthy is your heart as an indicator in this area?

3. Are you characterized by committing an issue to prayer before making a decision? What factors tend to dominate your thinking when you don't pray over an issue? What about when you do?

4. Can you think of a decision you made in the past that was well informed by Scripture? What effect did that biblical process have on your walk with the Lord? What effect did it have on your relationship with those closest to you?

5. What are some of the benefits of seeking counsel from a mature believer before making a decision? What are some of the reasons we hold back from seeking counsel from others?

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

Take a few minutes to reflect on your devotional time alone with the Lord in the last two weeks. What parts have been enriching to your soul? Write them down here. Then take a minute to praise the Lord for those!

Spend a few minutes thinking through the things that introduce obstacles to meet consistently with the Lord. Take a minute to write some of them down. Then take some time to bring each of these things before the Lord. Ask Him to help you see each of those things the way He sees them.

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for the next lesson, Survey of Women in the Bible, read the following passages about six women in Scripture:

- EVE (Genesis 2:18-24; 3:1-7)
- SARAH (Genesis 16:1-6; 1 Peter 3:1-6)
- RUTH (Ruth 1:1-18)
- MARY (Luke 1:26-38; Luke 1:46-55)
- ANNA (Luke 2:36-38)
- LYDIA (Acts 16:11-15)

Choose two and record observations from the text as you read. What is something you can learn from the two women you chose?

Wellspring Kids Memory Verse:

John 20:31

*"But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that by believing you may have life in His name." (ESV)*