

Decision - Making & Guidance



Introduction: Understand what is God's Will

2 Greek Words in English for Will in the Bible:

A. **Boulema**

pre-set determined unchanging purpose/plan
(Acts 27:43; Romans 9:19; 1 Peter 4:3)

B. **Thelema**

a wish/desire dependent on the choice of others



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The Second Coming of Christ

The Nation of Israel

The Anti-Christ

Time & Eternity

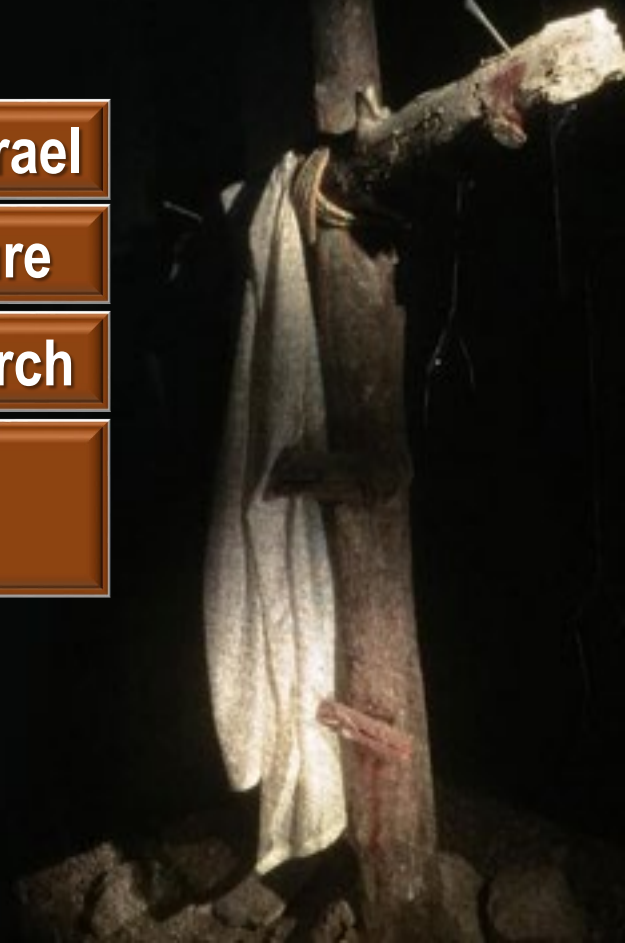
The Rapture

God's Redemption Plan

Judgements

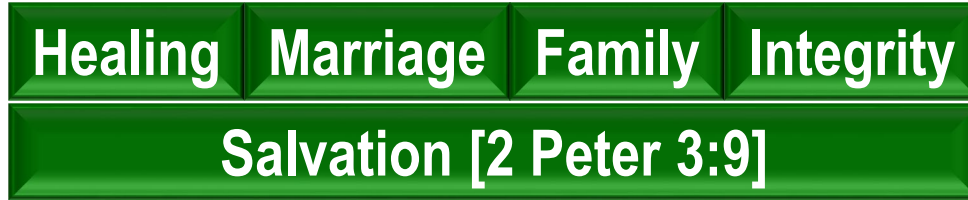
The Church

Jesus to come as Son of Man to die and
to pay the penalty for our sins



B. Thelema

wishes dependent on the choice of others



Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live ...

Choices & Consequences

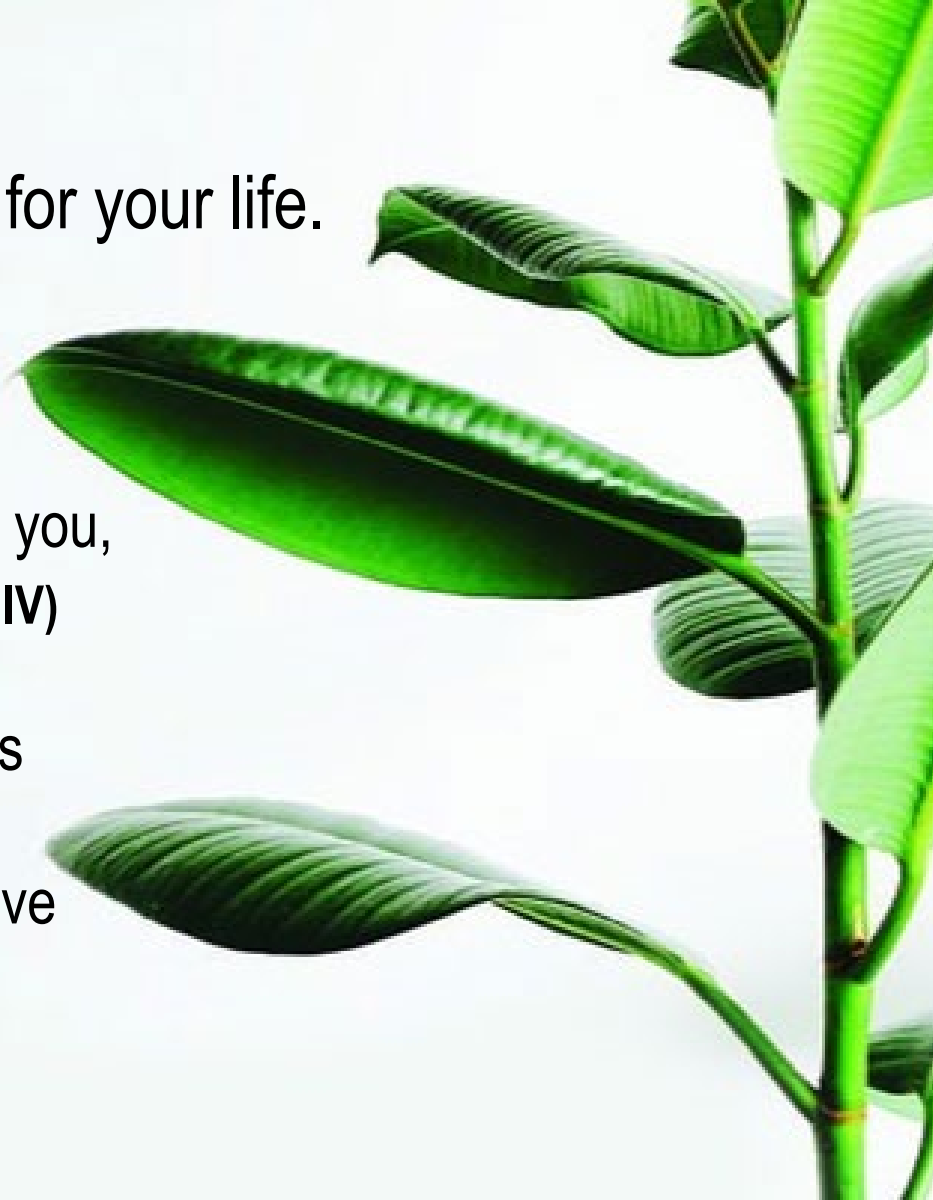


I. Decision-making Process

1. Know that God has a plan for your life.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (NIV)

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (NKJV)



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Psalm 139:16 your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me were written in
your book before one of them came to be.
(NIV)



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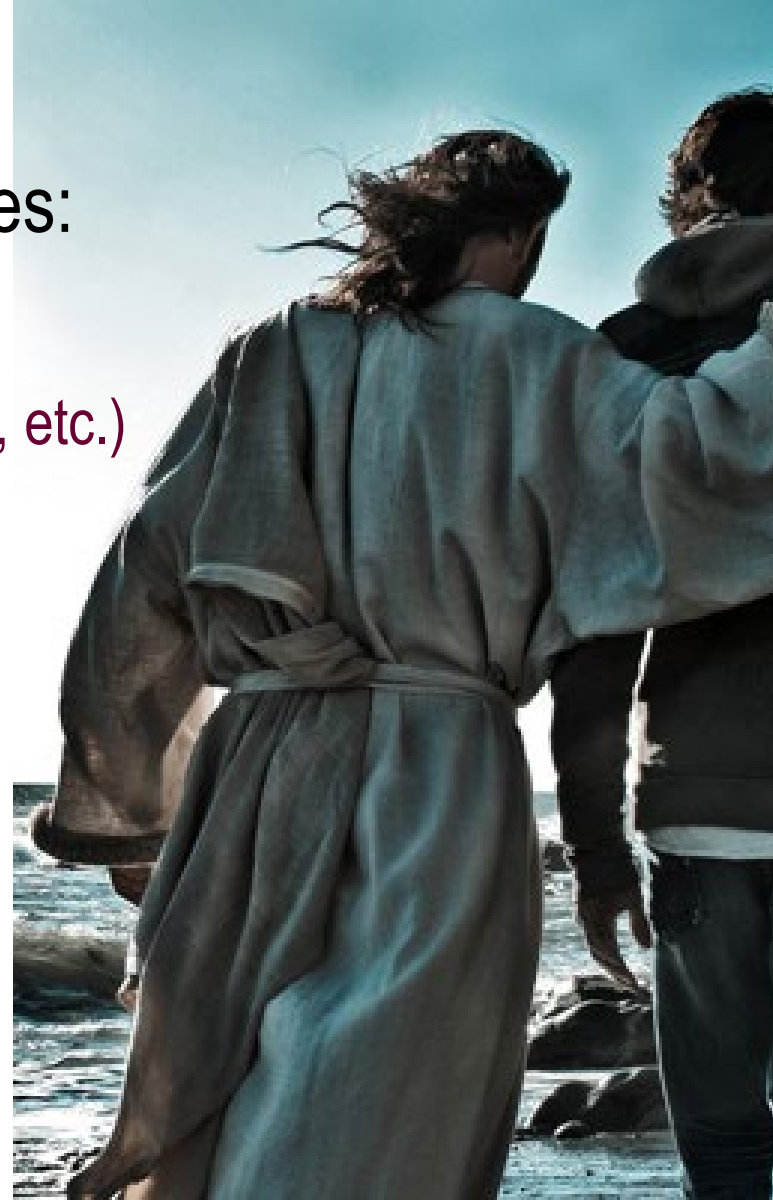
2. It is up to me to discover, know and obey God's Plan-Will (Thelema) for my life.

Romans 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Importance of walking with God
to know Him and His best for our lives:

- Salvation
- In Relationships (BGR, Marriage, Friends, etc.)
- Studies / Work / Career
- Financial Freedom
- Healthy Bodies
- Wholesome Personalities
- Kingdom Community



I. Decision-making Process

3. As I do so, God responds accordingly.

Philippians 2:12-13

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **13** for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.



I. Decision-making Process

3. As I do so, God responds accordingly.

John 10:27 My sheep hears My voice and follows Me ...

John 10:4 And when He brings out His own sheep, He goes before them; and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice.

Matthew 4:4



3. As I do so, God responds accordingly.
The good Shepherd speaks to His sheep
to lead and to guide them.

- ❖ Hearing God's voice
- ❖ Decision-making and Guidance
- ❖ Led by the Holy Spirit
- ❖ Knowing the will of God



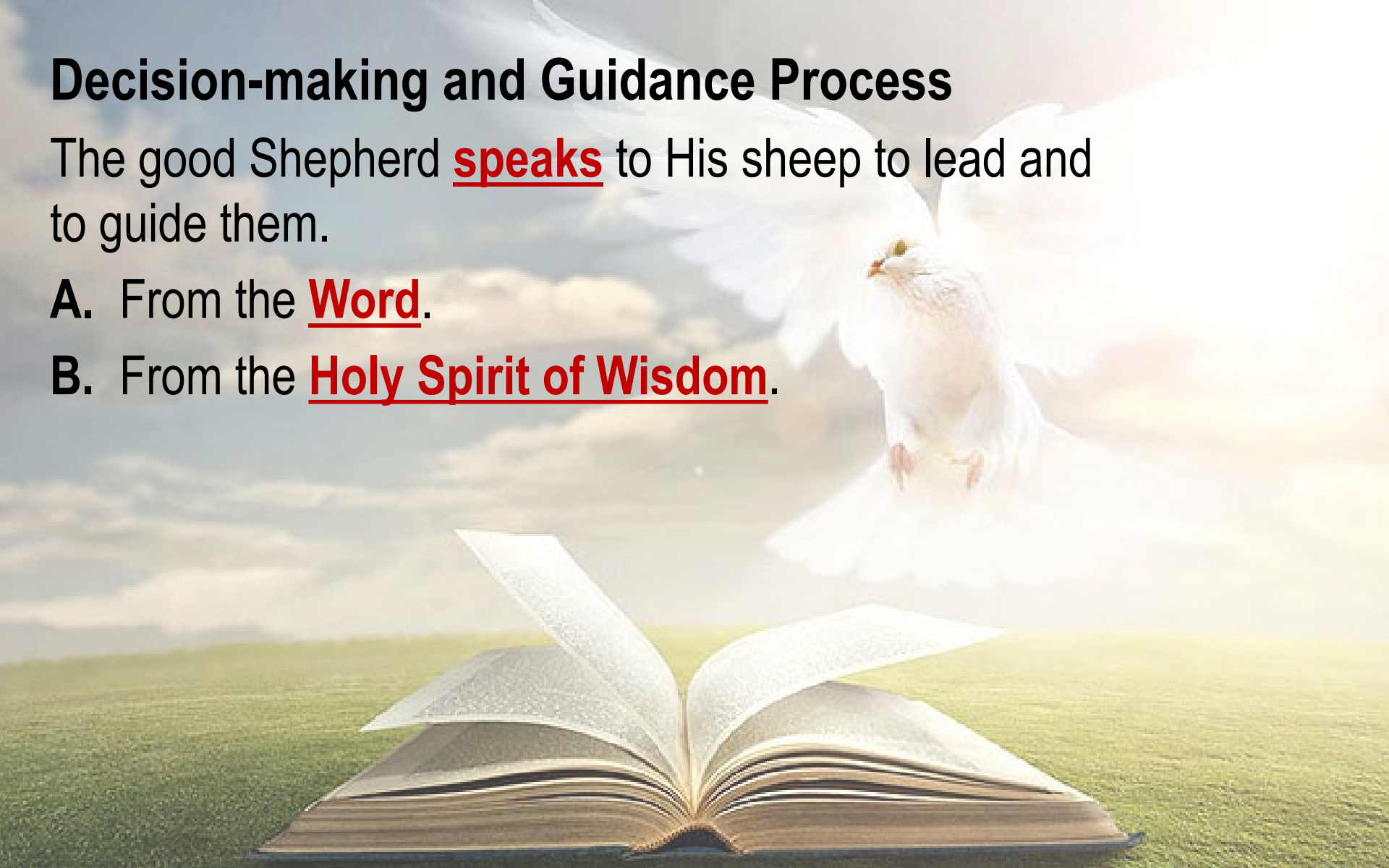
HOW?

Decision-making and Guidance Process

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A. From the Word.

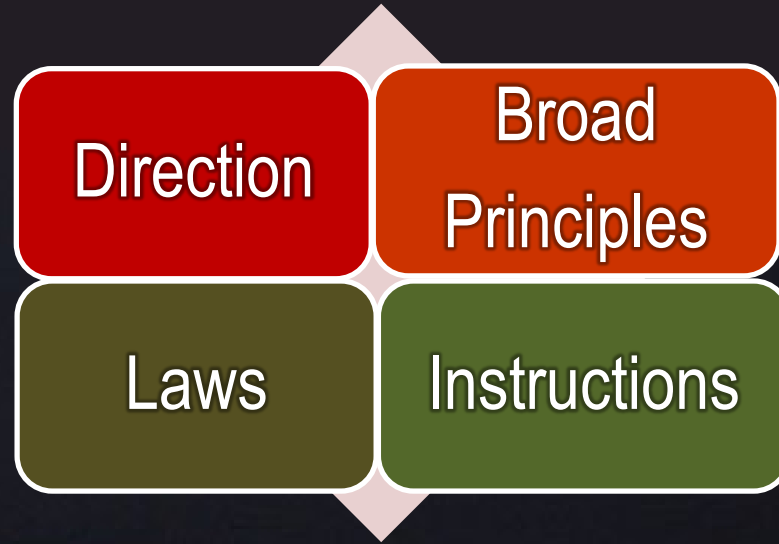
B. From the Holy Spirit of Wisdom.



Decision-making and Guidance Process

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2 Corinthians 6:14

Romans 12:17-21

Decision-making and Guidance Process

B. From the Holy Spirit of Wisdom.

The details of the guidance.

The inward witness (Romans 8:16).

e.g. **1 BGR**

e.g. **2 Studies**

e.g. **3 Work Career**

e.g. **4 Medical**

e.g. **5 \$\$ Upgrade Downgrade**



Decision-making and Guidance Process

B. From the Holy Spirit of Wisdom.

Therefore, be fully connected to the Holy Spirit.

- ❑ Worship in the Spirit
- ❑ Pray in the Spirit
- ❑ Revelation from the Holy Spirit
- ❑ Walk with the Holy Spirit
- ❑ Be led by the Holy Spirit
- ❑ Keep in step with the Holy Spirit
- ❑ Live by the Spirit



Decision-making and Guidance Process

B. From the Holy Spirit of Wisdom.

The details of the guidance.

The inward witness [Romans 8:16]
of the Spirit of Wisdom dwelling in
the believer guides us in the following
ways:



(1) The Holy Spirit directs us to people in our lives.

A Mentor	Property Agent	Pastor	Teacher	A Professional
A Coach	Nutritionist	A Consultant		A Counselor
Spiritual Leader	Your Parent / Guardian	An Expert in that area	Insurance Broker	Other Referrals



(2) The Holy Spirit directs us to resources.

Propositions Suggestions Books Experts

Conferences Websites Audio Sermons

Seminars Articles Ideas Magazines



(3) The Holy Spirit directs us in specific situation and circumstances.

A business deal - transaction	Divine Download	An offer made to us
Capture that idea and truth	Divine Appointments	
Discernment - Perception	Divine Connections	Sense - Gut Feel - Intuition
Proposals / Suggestions made by someone		

Romans 8:28

Genesis 50:20



(4) Through dreams, visions and spiritual gifts
- Words of knowledge-wisdom.

Numbers 12:6 Then He said, "Hear now My words:
If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself
known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream."



1 Corinthians 12:8-10

8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit,
to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,
9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings
by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles,
to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits,
to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation
of tongues.



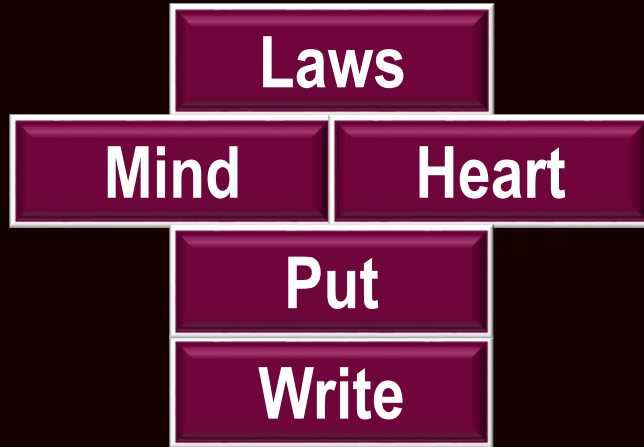
(5) The Holy Spirit directs us in our thoughts and emotions on the decision to be made.

Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Hebrews 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound / disciplined mind.

Knowledge - Understanding - Wisdom

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He will guide us to

(a) know the facts (knowledge)

(b) analyze - weigh - evaluate the facts (understanding)

(c) work in us to be inclined towards the decision (wisdom)

Hebrews 5:14 – discern – perceive - sense





II. Know that there are **3 SOURCES** of all thoughts, ideas, suggestions, dreams ...



1. When we draw near to God, we eliminate the evil one by:
 - A. Coming under the **Blood**.

Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, brethren,
having **boldness to enter the Holiest**
by the blood of Jesus ...



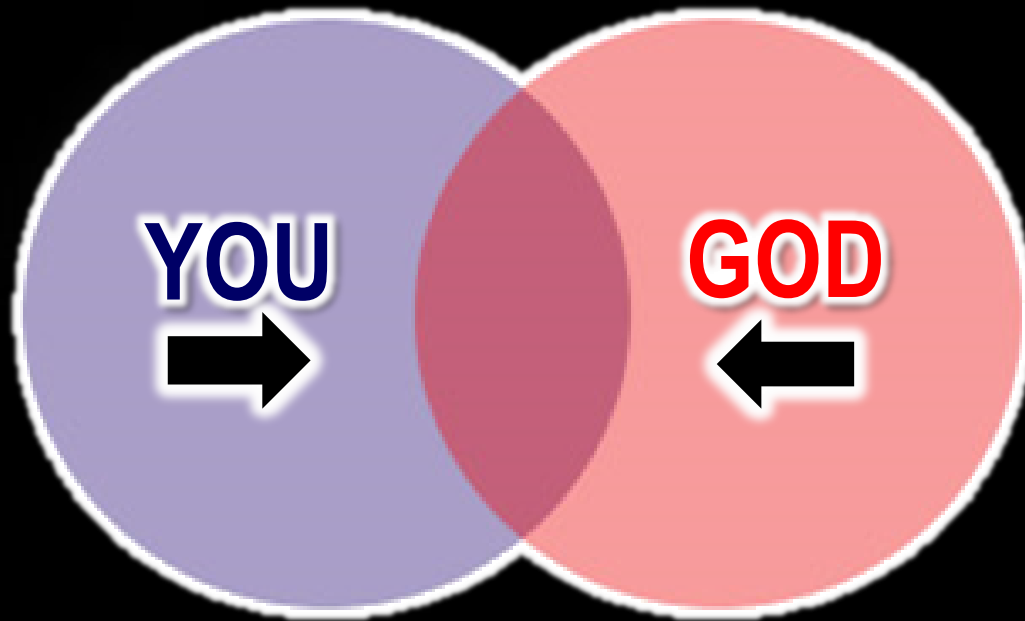
1. When we draw near to God, we eliminate the evil one by:
B. **Resisting** the evil one.

James 4:6-7

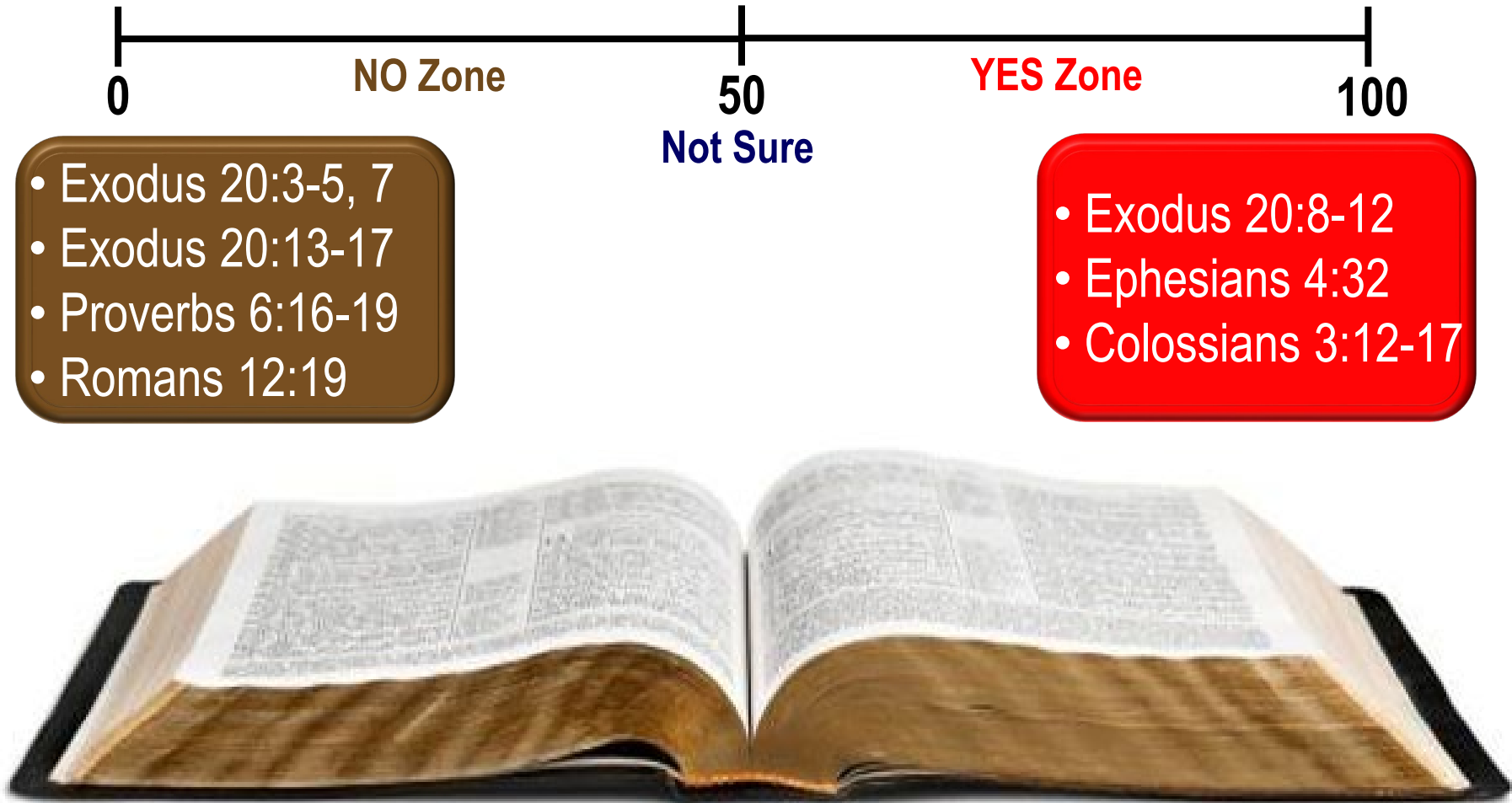
6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the **humble**.” **7** Therefore **submit to God**. **Resist the devil** and he will flee from you.



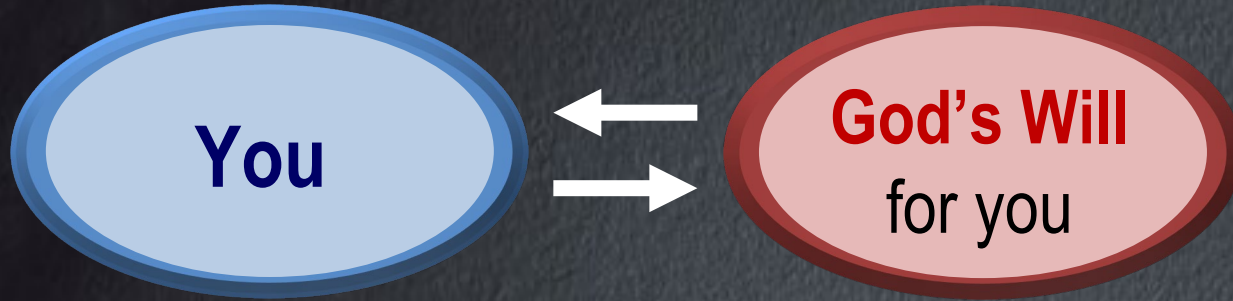
2. What is left then is between the Lord and us.



Decision-Making Process



Decision-Making - Like two halves of a magnet:

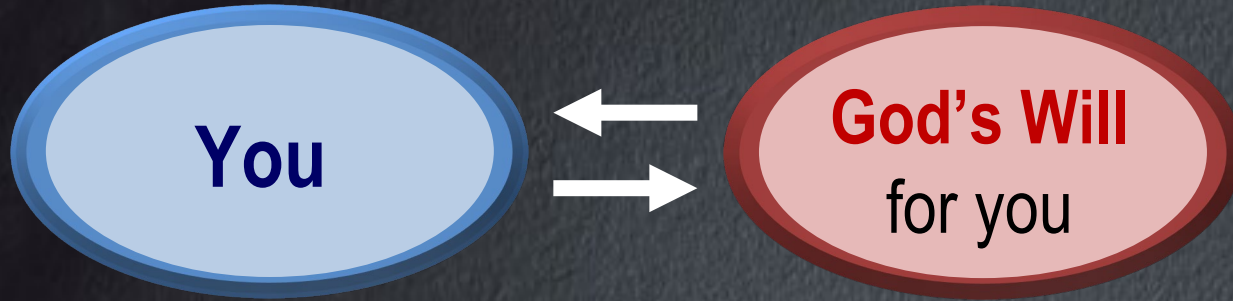


- ❖ Your Personality
- ❖ Giftings
- ❖ Talents
- ❖ Strengths
- ❖ Experiences

- ❖ Sense of Purpose
- ❖ Calling to the need
- ❖ Vision - it is You
- ❖ Mission to accomplish



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Personality Profile

Exercise - DISC / MBTI

Spiritual Gifts Exercise

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360 Degrees Feedback

Superiors

Peers

Subordinates



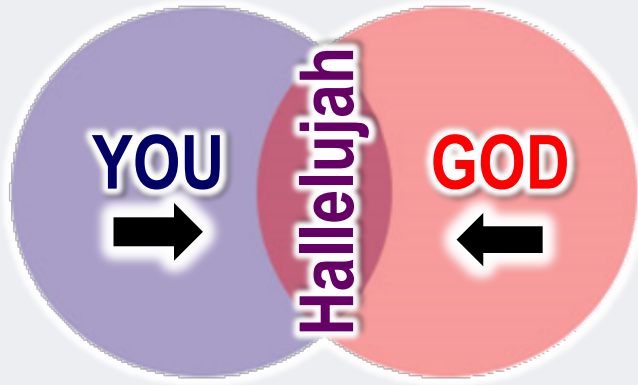
Decision-Making Process - 2 Keys Conditions:

A. Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; **6** in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

B. Romans 14:23

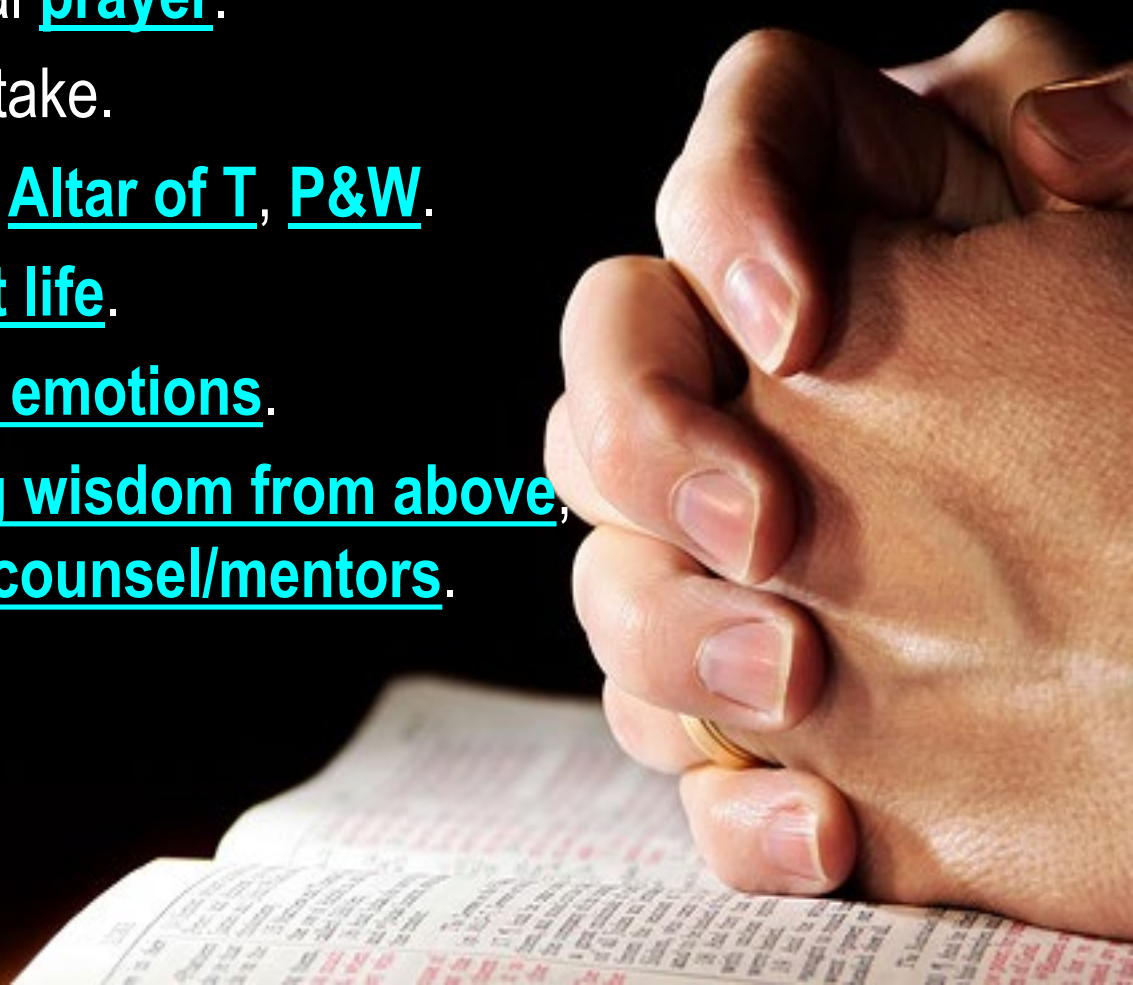
But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.



- A. God desires to always guide and lead you.
- B. You must always desire to be guided by God.
- C. The area of overlap is the Hallelujah” sector where God’s Will is your will.



3. Establish daily disciplines to develop relationship with God
- A. Discipline of continual prayer.
 - B. Discipline of word intake.
 - C. Discipline of building Altar of T, P&W.
 - D. Discipline of thought life.
 - E. Discipline of healthy emotions.
 - F. Discipline of seeking wisdom from above,
reading and Godly counsel/mentors.



III. FLOW with the Holy Spirit

1. Live our lives in total dependence on God.





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2. Ask for God's intervention in relating to people and in our situations.

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2 Corinthians 12:9a And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

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Hebrews 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher [perfecter / completer] of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



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Green Light
GO - Continue

Amber Light
Be Vigilant

Red Light
STOP!

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3. Trust God to work all things for good in our lives.



Romans 8:28 And we know that
all things work together for good
to those who love God, to those
who are the called according to
His purpose.

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Psalm 5:12 For You, O Lord,
will bless the righteous; **with**
favour You will surround him
as with a shield.

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Psalm 37:23-24 (AMP)

23 The steps of a [good and righteous]
man are directed and established by the Lord,

And He delights in his way [and blesses his path].

24 When he falls, he will not be hurled down,
because the Lord is the One who holds his hand
and sustains him.



Bottom-Line

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly
to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy
and find grace to help
in time of need.



Delight yourself also in the LORD,
and He shall give you
the desires of your heart.

- **Psalm 37:4** -

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