

# Training Hour - Decision Making & the Will of God, May 6, 2018

## The Dangers of Subjectivity

- Devices
- Signs, fleeces
- Dreams, Visions (Heb. 1:1-2, 2Peter 1:3)
- Waiting on the Lord (Isa. 40:31)
  - Active trust in God
- Circumstances
  - They bring us to a place of decision, but they don't make the decision for us
- Fatalism
  - "Whatever happens, happens"
- Results
  - The wrong way still produces results (Num. 20:2-13)
  - Who is the judge of the results? Us or God?
  - Be careful of imitating people from Church history, since we lack God's commentary on their life
- Conscience
  - Not our guide, but our guard
- Feeling/Senses
  - No Scriptural evidence instructing how to interpret feelings
- Inner Voice
  - What is it? Where does it come from?
- Rationalism
  - Relies on your reason as the source of truth
  - Have caution of pro/con analysis (not everything has the same weight)
- Counsel/Advise from Others
  - Godly men/women can and do counsel wrongly
- Peace
  - Mystical
- Prayer
  - Needs to be a two-way conversation with God
- Desires
  - Must take into account how it will affect others
- Faith
  - Heresy: "Name it, claim it"
  - Is not a "Leap in the dark"

- Scripture
  - Must not be a private interpretation
  - Don't use as a "Proof text"
- Fasting
  - Results are not guaranteed
- The "Call"

#### Confirmation by Others (Acts 16:1-2)

#### Abilities

- Teaching (1 Tim. 3:2, Titus 1:9)
- Shepherding (Acts 20:28, 1 Thess. 2:3)
- Oversight (1 Peter 5:2, 1 Tim. 5:17)

#### Longings (1 Tim. 3:1)

#### Life

- Integrity (1 Tim. 4:16)
- Example (1 Peter 5:3)
- Open Doors?
  - Refers to opportunities for ministry
    - Acts 14:27
    - 1 Cor. 16:9
    - 2 Cor. 2:12
    - Col. 4:3
    - Rev. 3:8