



### **The Big 10: Ten Guiding Principles for Personal Decision Making**

1. **Exclusivity -- My life is Jesus Christ's exclusively – I am not my own!**  
*The Question to Ask:* Is it my life or God's life? 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
2. **Expediency -- I have the freedom to do a lot of things, but doing so may not be best for me.**  
*The Question to Ask:* Does this help me? 1 Corinthians 6:12a
3. **Enslavement -- I have the freedom to do a lot of things, but doing so may enslave me.**  
*The Question to Ask:* Does this control me? 1 Corinthians 6:12b
4. **Edification -- I have freedom to do a lot of things, but doing so may not build up me or others.**  
*The Question to Ask:* Does this build up me or others? 1 Corinthians 10:23
5. **Exaltation -- The focus of my decision making is not on what most pleases me, but what most pleases and glorifies God.**  
*The Question to Ask:* Does this bring glory to God? 1 Corinthians 10:31
6. **Endangerment -- With all the liberty I have in Christ, I don't have the liberty to hinder another believer's growth.**  
*The Question to Ask:* Does this have the potential to hurt the spiritual progress of others? 1 Corinthians 8:4-13
7. **Equivocation -- If it's doubtful, don't do it.**  
*The Question to Ask:* Do I have any doubts about this? Romans 14:12, 15-16, 22-23
8. **Evaluation -- I have to be willing to evaluate the association or appearance of every area of my life.**  
*The Question to Ask:* Am I willing to let go of anything that has a questionable association with or appearance of evil? 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22
9. **Anticipation -- If you don't want to fall, stay out of slippery places.**  
*The Question to Ask:* How can I avoid slippery places? Romans 13:14; Proverbs 22:3
10. **Transformation -- Every decision either makes me more conformed to the world or more transformed to please Christ.**  
*The Question to Ask:* Is this conforming me to be like the world or transforming me to be like the Lord? Romans 12:1-2

*In every decision you make remember what Jesus said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments (John 14:15)."*

*Obedience-driven decision making is a matter of love!*