

## Course Outline

Class 1, **January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*The Traditional View* (2)

Class 2, **January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*Does God Have Three Wills?* (3)

Class 3, **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Does Scripture Teach the Dot?* (4)

Class 4, **January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
*Problems with Applying the Traditional View* (5 & 6)

Class 5, **February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*The Role of the Holy Spirit* (7)

Class 6, **February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
*Principles for Decision Making 1* (8)

Class 7, **February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
*Principles for Decision Making 2* (9)

Class 8, **February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*Principles for Decision Making 3* (10 & 11)

Class 9, **March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*Principles for Decision Making 4* (12 & 13)

Class 10, **March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
*Guidance: A Biblical Model* (14 & 15)

Class 11, **March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
*Application of the Wisdom View* (19 – 22)

Class 12, **March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*Application of the Wisdom View* (23 - 26)

## HOW DO I MAKE GODLY DECISIONS? <sup>1</sup>



### Class 4: Problems with Applying the Traditional View

January 29, 2012

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1. Does scripture teach the dot?
  - “\_\_\_\_\_” was our conclusion.
2. The Problem of “\_\_\_\_\_” \_\_\_\_\_
  - Key observation: everyone \_\_\_\_\_ the traditional view’s approach to making decisions.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Decisions

- **I must know God’s will!**
  - i. Shall I marry?
  - ii. Whom shall I marry?
  - iii. Should I go to school?
  - iv. Which school?
  - v. Where should I live?
  - vi. What vocation?
  - vii. Which car should I buy?

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Decisions

- **I must use good judgment without wasting time.**
  - i. What shall I wear today?
  - ii. What should I have for lunch?

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<sup>1</sup> Source for this class comes from the book *Decision Making and the Will of God* by Garry Friesen.

- iii. How shall I get to work?
- iv. Where shall I sit in class?
- v. Where should I buy gas?
- vi. When should I have devotions?
- vii. Which cologne shall I wear?

3. The Problem of \_\_\_\_\_

- What happens when two options are equal?
- The traditional view says...
  - i. The equality is only \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. One \_\_\_\_\_, and one only, is God's will.

4. The Problem of \_\_\_\_\_

- The Traditional View promotes immature decisions:
  - i. By permitting justification of unwise decisions on grounds that "\_\_\_\_\_ told me"
  - ii. By fostering costly \_\_\_\_\_ because of uncertainty of God's individual will
  - iii. By influencing the rejection of \_\_\_\_\_ preferences when facing equal options
  - iv. By encouraging putting out a \_\_\_\_\_ and letting circumstances dictate

- v. By giving young believers confidence that they can make perfect decisions (apart from mature counsel) if they are \_\_\_\_\_

- vi. By inadvertently moving believers to \_\_\_\_\_ their Bibles to get needed guidance

5. The Problem of \_\_\_\_\_

- Subjectivity produces uncertainty
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ are not direct revelation and thus cannot give certainty
  - ii. All of the traditional guidance signs except Scripture are \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot give certainty
  - iii. A \_\_\_\_\_ of subjective signs cannot give certainty
  - iv. A multiplying of decision \_\_\_\_\_ adds to the subjectivity and uncertainty

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Next Week: The Role of the Holy Spirit (7)

**Questions about this class?**  
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