

Course Outline

Class 1, **January 8th**
The Traditional View (2)

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

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

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

Class 5, **February 5th**
The Role of the Holy Spirit (7)

Class 6, **February 12th**
Principles for Decision Making 1 (8)

Class 7, **February 19th**
Principles for Decision Making 2 (9)

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

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

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

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

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

HOW DO I MAKE GODLY DECISIONS? ¹

Class 2: Does God Have Three Wills?

January 15, 2012



1. Review of Last Week:

- a) **Premise:** For each of our decisions God has a perfect _____ or _____.
- b) **Purpose:** Our goal is to discover God's _____ and make decisions in accordance with it.
- c) **Process:** We interpret the inner _____ and outward _____ through which the Holy Spirit communicates His leading.
- d) **Proof:** The confirmation that we have correctly discerned the individual will of God comes from an inner sense of _____ and outward (successful) results of the decision.

2. Critique of the Traditional View:

- a) The traditional view promises _____

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

- b) ...yet most people are _____.
- c) If the traditional view is correct, there can be only explanation:

The person seeking God's guidance must be _____.

3. Two Out of Three.

- a) Does God have a _____ will? _____
- b) Does God have a _____ will? _____
- c) Does God have an _____ will? _____
 - i. **Defined:** "God's _____, **detailed life-plan** uniquely designed for each person."
 - ii. **Challenged:** "My contention is that an individual will of God for every detail of a person's life is **not found in** _____."

1. The Arguments from Reason:

- _____
- _____

2. The Arguments from Experience:

- They do not _____ nor _____ that God has an individual will.

3. The Arguments from Biblical Example:

- The biggest question: Is the biblical example _____?
- **Weakness:**
 - Number of recorded cases **is not** _____ to constitute normative
 - These examples **are not sufficiently** _____
 - Most of the recipients of specific guidance **occupied a** _____ **place** in the outworking of God's program.

Next Week: Does Scripture Teach the Dot (4)?

Questions about this class?
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