

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 1: The Traditional View

January 8, 2012

1. Premise: For each of our decisions, God has an _____ that He will make known to the attentive believer.
2. Definition: The phrase “will of God” is used in three ways in the Bible.
 - God’s _____ will = God’s secret plan that determines everything that happens in the universe.
 - God’s _____ will = God’s revealed commands in the Bible that teach how men ought to believe and live.
 - God’s _____ will = God’s ideal, detailed life-plan uniquely designed for each person.

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

3. Proof: How I can know that God has a plan for my life.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

4. Process: How I can discover God's individual will.

- _____ that bring confusion in finding God's will.
- _____ that bring assurance in finding God's individual will.

5. Certainty: How I can know for sure God's individual will.

- Certainty comes by _____ **of the road signs.**
- Certainty comes through _____.
- Certainty comes through _____.
- Certainty comes through the _____ of the decision.

6. Summary: Principles of Decision Making (The Traditional View)

- Premise: For each of our decisions God has a perfect plan or will.
- Purpose: Our goal is to discover God's individual will and make decisions in accordance with it.
- Process: We interpret the inner impressions and outward signs through which the Holy Spirit communicates His leading.
- 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.

Next Week: Does God Have Three Wills (3)?

Questions about this class?
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