



## **“I’M OVER IT!”**

### Overcoming Bad Decisions

### **TYPES OF DECISIONS**

#### **TRIVIAL**

- What color socks should I wear?
- What should I eat?
- Where should I go on vacation?

#### **PRUDENT**

- What school should I attend?
- Should I buy a Ford or Chevrolet?

#### **RIGHTEOUS**

- What church should I attend?
- Should I marry him or her?
- How should I react to my enemy?

### **WHAT IS DECISION MAKING?**

Making a decision is a process that includes making a choice or judgment about an attitude or action. Decisions are an act of the will, and they are always influenced by either the mind or emotions.

- ✓ Your decisions receive God’s blessing when you are willing to obey God.
- ✓ Your decisions should be based on what you know to be God’s revealed will.
- ✓ Your decisions ultimately reveal the desires of your heart.
- ✓ Your decisions are ultimately determined by what you desire the most. The fundamental principle for each of us becomes, “Do I choose to please myself, or do I choose to please the Lord?”

### **WHAT DECISIONS ARE PLEASING TO GOD?**

#### **God Blesses**

- ◆ Decisions that He initiates-Prov 4:11
- ◆ Decisions that line up with His Word-Psalms 119:133
- ◆ Decisions that accomplish His purpose-Phil 2:13
- ◆ Decisions that depend on His strength-Phil 4:13
- ◆ Decisions that result in giving Him glory-1 Cor 10:31
- ◆ Decisions that come by faith-Heb 11:6
- ◆ Decisions that consider the interest of others-Phil 2:4
- ◆ Decisions that are bathed in prayer-1 Thes 5:17

## WHAT ARE THE TESTS FOR DECISION MAKING?

➤ **SCRIPTURAL TEST-2 Tim 3:16**

“Has God already spoken about it in His Word?”

➤ **SURVEY TEST-1 Tim 4:12**

“What if everyone followed my example?”

➤ **SPIRIT TEST-Gal 1:10**

“Am I being people-pressured or Spirit led?”

➤ **STUMBLING TEST-Rom 14:21**

“Could this cause another person to stumble?”

➤ **SERENITY TEST-Phil 4:6-7**

“Have I prayed and received peace about this decision?”

➤ **SUPREME TEST-1 Cor 10:31**

“Does this glorify God?”