

THE PARADOX OF CHOICE

“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will **serve...**” Josh. 24:15

- The unexpected effect of too many choices
- Need of the “fishbowl”

My notes~

HOW GOD GUIDES

Romans 8

(NIV) ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it **does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.** ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the **flesh cannot please God.** ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, **if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.**

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

John 14:26

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and **will remind you** of everything I have said to you.

(Ps. 119:11) Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

1 John 4:1

Dear friends, **do not believe every spirit,** but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deuteronomy 4:29, Jeremiah 29:13)

"The **human heart is the most deceitful** of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? (Jeremiah 17:9 NLT)

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. (Proverbs 15:22)

Acts 16

(NIV) ⁶ Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been **kept by the Holy Spirit** from preaching the word in the province of Asia.

1. Regeneration
2. His Word
3. His Spirit
4. Conviction *of the heart and mind*

5. Wise Council
6. Circumstances.

My notes~

CONCLUSION: THE REALITY

1. Regeneration
2. His Word
3. His Spirit (*As confirmed by His Word*)
4. Conviction (*As confirmed by His Word and Spirit*)
5. Wise Council (*In the context of His Word, Spirit, and conviction*)
6. Circumstances. (*As qualified by the first 5 in priority and balance*)

My notes~

Suggested NEXT STEPS for your week~

Alpha Reflections
ALPHA REFLECTIONS

HOW GOD GUIDES

ARE YOU IN A POSITION TO BE GUIDED BY GOD?

How are you doing with these 6 basic factors?

1. **Regeneration** Decided for Christ? Live daily relationship? Strive intentionally for the mind of Christ
2. **His Word** Read it? Meditate on it? Live by it?
3. **His Spirit** Pray routinely? Open to His prompting?
4. **Conviction** Reason by His Word & Spirit As I know, I do God's will
5. **Wise Council** Consult Godly people? Filter advice through 1,2,3
6. **Circumstances** Rely on convenience as Gods will? Filter through 1,2,3,4, 5