The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians

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Three GENERAL Questions That Help Us Make Good And Godly Decisions

• Does this help me WALK more closely with Christ? “Be very careful, then how you live…”
• Is this a WISE Decision? “Not as unwise, but as wise…”
• Does this help me MOVE the KOG Forward? “making the most of every opportunity…”
Understand What The Lord’s Will Is

- Will = His determination; Desire; inclination
  Purpose and/or Intention
Seven SPECIFIC Things God “Wills”

• It is God’s Will that you **GIVE** yourself to Him.
  
  “…but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will…” 2 Co 8:5

• It is God’s Will that you be **TRANSFORMED** into the likeness of Christ
  
  “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is…” Rom 12:1-2
Seven SPECIFIC Things God “Wills”

• It is God’s Will that you be spiritually and morally pure.

  “…It is God’s will that you should be SANCTIFIED: that you should avoid sexual immorality.” 1 Thes 4:3

• It Is God’s will that you and those you know come into RELATIONSHIP with Him.

  “The Lord is patient with you; not willing that anyone perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9
Seven SPECIFIC Things God “Wills”

- It is God’s Will that you live a life of thanksgiving and praise.

  “…In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” 1 Thes 5:18

- It is God’s will that you be controlled by His Spirit in your daily life.

  “Be filled with the Spirit.” Eph 5:18
Seven SPECIFIC Things God “Wills”

• It is God’s Will that you live in SUBMISSION to those He establishes as authority in your life.

“…Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Eph 5:21
Questions To Ask Yourself

Q: 1: Does this help me walk more closely with Jesus?
Q: 2: Is this spiritually wise?
Q: 3: Does this move the Kingdom of God forward?
Q: 4: Does this help me give myself to God more fully?
Q: 5: Does this help me be spiritually transformed?
Q: 6: Does this help me be spiritually and morally pure?
Q: 7: Does this help me bring people into relationship with Him?
Q: 8: Does this help me give God thanks and praise?
Q: 9: Does this help me be controlled by God’s Spirit?
Q: 10: Does this help me submit to God’s authority in my life?