

"Should I Or Shouldn't I"

INTRO:

*Give you 12 or more ways to know the will of God on **anything you do, any place you go, anything you wear, & anything you say.**

-People will say, "Well, is it right?"

-"Can I do it?", "Is it okay for a Christian to say this, to do this, to go here, to go there?"

-I am going to let the word of God answer it for you.

-Because, I am just a sinner saved by grace.

-I ask the same questions as you do.

-"Should I or Shouldn't I?"

-Now, the Bible is the Book of answers.

-The Bible says of the Christian, he has the "mind of Christ"

-Not only do we have the ability to understand within the power of the Holy Spirit inside us.

-But God has given us the complete revelation of everything, He wants us to know.

-And it is contained in the Bible.

-This (the Bible) is His mind.

-This is His attitude.

-This is how He looks at things.

-This is how He looks at our ways, and our goings, and our doings, and our sayings.

-You want to think about it in this way.

-If **what** I do or what I **say** displeases the Lord, then I can't be blessed of the **Lord**.

-But if **what** I do pleases the Lord, then I will be a success in my life.

-There is no greater **challenge** or purpose in life, then to please the Lord.

-Because **therre** is really nothing else worth living for.

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-If you spend all your life painting a house, and keeping up a house, what is going to happen?

-You are going to die and leave it leave to somebody else.

-And it might burn down, before you even die.

-That is vanity.

-If you live all your life to gain wealth, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

-So, it is important for us to please the Lord.

-It is better to live for the Lord than anything else.

-The question is sometimes you don't have definite scriptures on places, or things, or thoughts or words.

-In other words, "are these right?" "Can I do this, can I not do this?"

-"Is this right?", "Is this wrong?"

-The Bible has some definite things it says about anything and everything you do.

-Once you find these answers, then anything you have a question about, then run down these 12 things, I am going to give you.

-And judge it by these 12 things.

-Evaluation criteria.

-If it comes out positive and you have no doubts about it, then go right ahead and do it.

-If God doesn't show you from the scriptures, the word of God and the Holy Spirit that it is contrary to the reveal will of God, then don't worry about it.

-The Problem is, sometimes we don't want to find out, that what we are doing is wrong, because we like doing it. - Amen!!!

-We sometimes think God is imposing on our way of life when He says something contrary to our way of living.

*** 1. Romans 12:1**

-"I beseech you therefore brethen, by the mercies of God,"

-God has given you mercy.

- And that is what the Apostle Paul is begging you by.
- Consider how God has been merciful to you.
- You could be on your way to hell, or be in hell today.
- Consider the sacrifice of His Son for the likes of us, that is mercy.
- He died for a bunch of hogs and dogs, a bunch of unclean animals. **you and I, Amen!**
- "that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,"
- If that body is going to be acceptable, then it must do things that are acceptable.
- There is nothing clean in the body.
- Paul said, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing."
- God hasn't changed your flesh since you got saved.
- It still the same old onory flesh you had before you got saved.
- What God did do on the inside is regenerate a spirit that was dead, and make it one with His Spirit.
- And circumcised, or cut away, the soul from the flesh!
- So, the soul is no longer in subjection to the flesh.
- You can now control your body.
- You have a power inside that is greater than the body.
- You have been cut loose from the body so you need not serve it or be in subjection to it.
- You can now put the whip on it and tell it what to do, because you have the power.
- The problem with most Christians is allowing the flesh to control them because they have not reckon it to be dead.
- See Romans 6:6-11.**
- Because Christians have not done this then they have not used the power they have.
- It is kind of like a lamp with the plug out.

- All you have to do is put the plug in and the power is there.
- The problem is we don't plug into the Lord, the word of God, and plug into the power within us.
- The Bible says, "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation."
- The Christian has been saved by the power of God.
- You have received the power of God, through the Holy Spirit.
- You can't ever say, "You can't do something, God has told you to do", because that is lying.
- The Bible says, "I can do all things through Christ."
- There is no power in us to do the things that God has asked us to do.
- He doesn't give us things, we can do.
- Why? - Because we would take the credit for it. - See Eph. 2:8-9. "Lest any man should boast" - reason we can't save ourselves.
- He gives us things to do, only He can do, so He will get the glory.
- Why? - So, He can bless us.
- Anytime we give God the glory and praise, then He gives us glory and praise.
- If we can do it, then we can glory in the flesh. See John 6:63 (flesh profiteth nothing)
- *Rom 12:1 - "which is your reasonable service"**
- It is not unreasonable for God to ask you not to go to some palces.
- It is not unreasonable for God to ask you to refrain from doing certain things, or saying certain things.
- Considering how much, He has done for you.
- Anything we do in this life is very little considering all that He has given to us, done for us, and is going to do for us in eternity.
- Anything you do for God is reasonable.
- Anything, you don't do for God is unreasonable.
- *Romans 12:2 - "And be not conformed to this world"**
- God wants you to be unworldly.

-but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind"

-Some think because they dress a certain way, deny themselves, live a certain way - i.e. - monks, that it makes them holy and spiritual.

-That doesn't make you anything.

-It makes you a hypocrite, a Pharisee, and self-righteous.

-Real holiness real unconformity comes by being transformed by the renewing of your mind.

-Find out what God wants you to do, why He wants you do it, and then you won't do it from a self-righteous standpoint.

-But from a standpoint that you love God, and you want to please Him.

-You can't be conformed to the Bible until you get into the Bible.

-You can't conform to the Spirit of God until you yield to the Spirit of God.

-The more you renew the mind, the more your mind is saturated with the influence of the Holy Spirit and the word of God.

-The less and less like the world you will become, because God is not like the world.

-Being not conformed to this world is not just a matter of you deciding, "I am going to be unworldly.

-In other words, you deciding, "Well, I am just going to quit doing this and quit doing that, etc." and live a holy life.

-But why did you do that?

-Is it just to be different or are you convinced that is exactly what God wants.

-And that is what God has said and that is what God has told you to do.

-In other words, God is the one who convicted you.

-He has shown you from the word of God and convicted you by the Holy Spirit.

-Listen!, don't do anything until God personally convicts you of it.

-Don't you cut your hair because the preacher don't like it.

-Or because the preacher, preaches against it.

-All you are doing is accepting someone else's convictions.

-You are to accept the conviction of the Bible and the Holy Spirit.

-Do you know what will happen?

-If the preacher leaves, you won't change your convictions.

-When you do it for God, then you won't quit when the preacher leaves.

***Rom. 12:1 "I beseech you"**

-In other words he is begging you.

-"therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice"

-You ought to be willing , to sacrifice your desires, your wants of that body.

-The flesh says, "I want to go here"

-Well, God doesn't like that place.

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- vs 2- read why not to be conformed to
this world? - but be transformed *why?*
"that ye may prove what is that good
and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."