

Following God's Spirit- Lesson 2  
(Series: Making Wise Decisions)

**I. Introduction:**

- **Review:** Applying God's Word
- **Today:** Should we be looking for direct revelation from God through inward promptings, impressions, feelings of peace, "still small voice", when making decisions?

**II. Discovering God's will for our lives**

**A. The sufficiency and reliability of the Word of God for our decision making**

- Ways that God has spoken in the past (Numb 12:6; Heb 1:1-3)
- God's Word is living and speaks to us today (Heb 4:12; 3:12,15; 1 Thess 2:13)
- All that we need to equip us to make godly decisions has been provided in God's word (2 Tim 3:16ff; 2 Peter 1:3)
- Training our spiritual senses to make godly decisions (Heb 5:11ff)

**B. The unreliability of feelings and impressions in decision making**

**1. Feelings of peace in decision making**

*"God gave me peace about it.."*

- There are times when we will not have peace, but yet it is the will of God (i.e. Jesus in Gethsemane; Joseph in prison, David as a fugitive)
- We receive peace when we are doing the revealed will of God and casting our anxieties on Him (Philip 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:7)

**2. Promptings and impressions in decision making**

*"God impressed it on my heart.. I have a burden for this.. He prompted me to go in that direction.. I heard the still small voice.. etc."*

- These things are not promised, nor can we be certain of their source

**3. The leading of the Holy Spirit in decision making**

*"I feel led to do this.. I don't feel led to do that"*

- The Holy Spirit opens our understanding to know God's revealed will in scripture (John 16:13-14; 119:18)
- To be led by the Spirit is not to walk after the flesh (Rom 8:13-14; Gal 5:16ff)

**Q1: Why do some professing Christians want direct revelation today?**

- Poor teaching, not wanting to step outside of God's will, or wanting shortcuts instead of careful study and obedience to the revealed will (Rom 12:1-2)

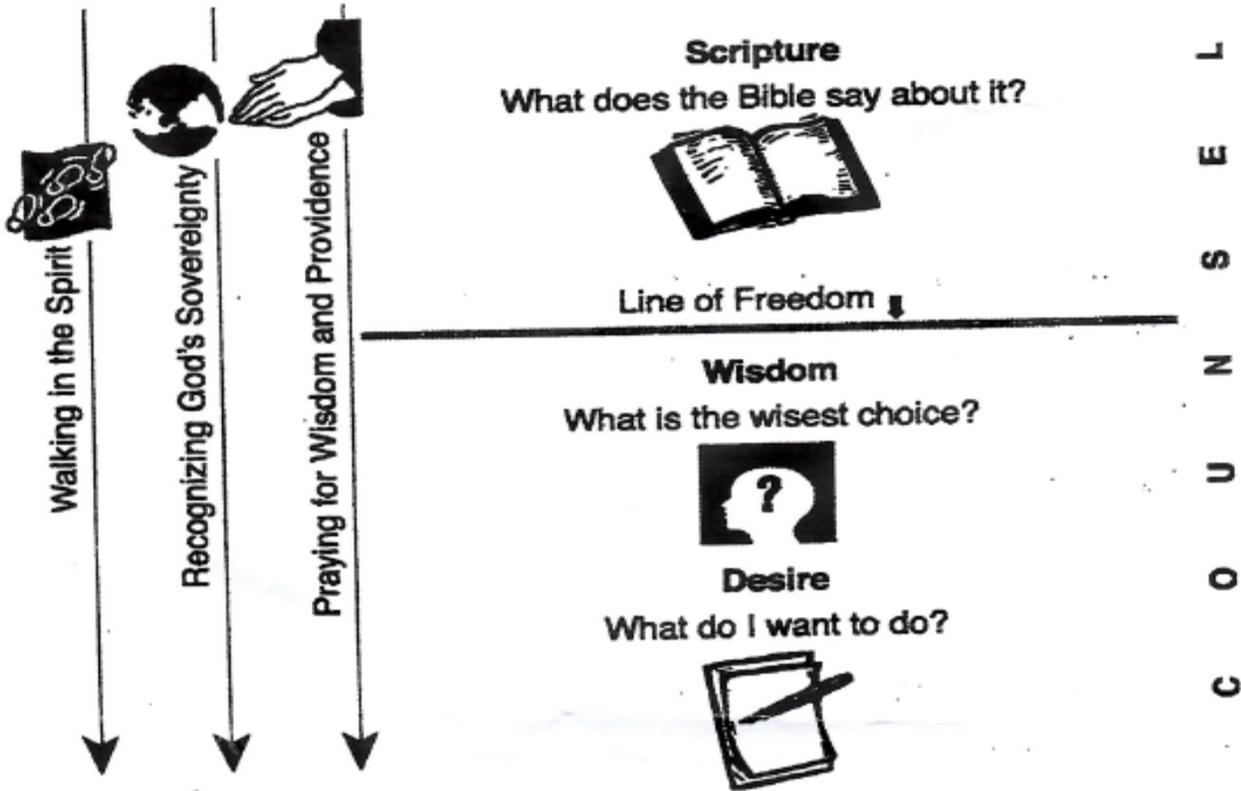
**Q2: Does God give us godly desires and impress on our hearts His will?**

- Yes, absolutely! (Philip 2:13; 1 Tim 3:1; 2 Cor 8:16; 2 Sam 7:1-3)

**Q3: How do we grow in our ability to make God glorifying decisions?**

- By having more of a heart for God and finding our delight in Him (Psalm 37:4)

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