

THE SPIRIT LED LIFE

1 Corinthians 14.1-5 // November 25, 2018

SEMANTICS AND CONTEXT

Labels are often good and helpful, because we know a basic starting point that we can use to understand each other. However, they can also be unsatisfying and incomplete. The divide between cessationists and continuationists is not "all or nothing," but is more like a scale of 0-100 with 99 numbers in between.

PRINCIPLES FOR DISCERNING

1. Scripture is the Highest Authority: nothing we feel or believe was spoken to us should contradict God's Word. His Word is the Supreme Court and has authority over everything. 1 Corinthians 14.37
2. The Normative Way God Leads is by a Transformed Mind: Most often, God works the leading and working of His will by transforming our minds. He conforms us to the image of His Son so that we can live the Spirit led-life. Romans 12.1-2
3. Impressions are Fallible: Impressions are fallible, because they are being interpreted through sinful, faulty, biased people.
4. Consider Your Desires: Sometimes, there is no clear answer, and so God gives us freedom to make those choices that aren't clear.
5. God Most Desires Your Holiness: Most important to God is not so much a particular decision (specifically ones with no real moral or strategic value), but rather your heart, goal, and reasoning for your decision, as well as the resulting affect on your relationship with Him.
6. Know That God can Interrupt: God is able to interrupt in unconventional ways.

A DECISION MAKING PROCESS

1. **View it in light of God's Word.**
 - a. Does it line up with God's revealed truth?
 - b. Will it draw you closer to or further from God?
 - c. Will it bring glory to God in your life?
2. Spend time in prayer, asking God to align your will with His.
 - a. When making decisions, treat prayer as an opportunity for you to ask God to align your heart with His, to expose your motivations, and to give you the wisdom you need.
3. Seek out the counsel of the wise
 - a. What do those who know you well (including your strengths, weaknesses, and tendencies) think or say?
 - b. What would pastors or counselors in your life say?
 - c. Seek out books by good, wise authors, teachers, and pastors. Read articles online and watch sermons on the topic of interest.
 - d. Seek out others who have made similar decisions.

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Matthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read 1 Corinthians 14.1-4. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read Romans 8.14 and 12.1, 2. What do these verses reveal about God's heart for you and your decision making that can remind us of the Gospel?

Repent and Confess

Some of us make big decisions without thinking at all about God. Others get paralyzed because we are too afraid to make a wrong decision. Where have you landed in your decision making that, upon reflection, you realize may be not honoring to God?

Ask for Provision

What might you ask God for in light of this topic?

Your Life Mission

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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