



WALK
LIKE A MAN
MAKING DECISIONS THAT MATTER

STUDY GUIDE

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HOW TO USE THIS CURRICULUM

Study Guide

The study guide provides a place for students to expand their knowledge and understanding as they are challenged by the content of this curriculum. This can become a valuable tool when they need personal encouragement or equipping to help others. The guide presents five questions for each episode and space to record their answers and take additional notes during discussion.

The student's copy without answers is found at the end of this guide starting at page 22. The lessons with answers should act as a teacher's or facilitator's guide. Print several copies of the second section for students. The teacher should print one full copy of the entire guide.

Videos and Questions

Each lesson has several questions the students should answer after watching the videos. Then engage the students in discussion using the teacher's guide with answers.

Conclusion

Use whatever time remains to answer questions, make announcements, and close in prayer.

DISCUSSION TIPS

The strength of this curriculum depends on the engagement of the students with the ideas presented. Use the following discussion tips to help you lead fruitful discussion:

- Discussion is effective when a majority of students are involved. Manage students as necessary to draw out those who are quieter and keep the more vocal from dominating the conversation.
- Create an environment where students feel safe to share their thoughts and experiences without judgment or ridicule.
- While you need to be aware of your time, do not cut short a discussion that seems especially engaging to the students. Invest your time where the students respond best.
- Have a plan but be flexible enough to allow the students to guide the discussion. In this way you will learn what aspects they are most interested in.
- Use the students' answers to the questions, especially if they changed their answers, to launch discussion.
- Use the main ideas provided as prompts for discussion. Ask whether students agree with certain statements in the video. Encourage thoughtful explanations.
- Ask questions that require thoughtful answers.
- Avoid leading questions; the goal of discussion is not to receive correct answers but to lead students to think about their answers.

Sample Schedule

Below is a sample schedule based on one and a half hours of class time. Exact timing will vary with segment lengths and success of discussion.

6:00–6:10	Open, introduction, and prayer
6:10–6:35	Watch video lesson, encourage students to think about and answer the questions while watching
6:35–6:55	Have students complete answering all questions on their own
6:55–7:20	Discuss each question as a class
7:20–7:30	Wrap-up, answer questions, make announcements, close in prayer

EPISODE 1

Walk in Wisdom—Not on Autopilot

Most men do not reject biblical truth outright—they slowly drift from it. Distraction replaces direction, comfort replaces conviction, and spiritual alertness fades without being noticed. Scripture calls men to walk in wisdom with intentionality and awareness. This session focuses on recognizing spiritual drift and learning how to live with deliberate, God-centered direction.

Session Objective: Identify areas of spiritual drift and learn how to pursue a deliberate, Scripture-guided walk marked by biblical wisdom.

- 1. What does it mean to “walk like a man”? How might the world answer differently?**
Encourage participants to share their thoughts. Many people will bring to mind a man who is strong, confident, courageous, assertive, or responsible. A biblical perspective may include sacrificial love, spiritual leadership, obedience to Scripture, and biblical wisdom. While the two perspectives may share some traits, a worldly view will focus on success by the world’s standards while the biblical perspective has eternity in mind. Some worldly perspectives reject the idea of gender norms altogether. Emphasize that this series will continue to expound on the biblical command to “walk like a man.”
- 2. What do the wise man and the foolish man in Jesus’ parable from Matthew 7:24-27 have in common? How does this help you to think about wisdom?**
Both the wise man and the foolish man heard the words of Christ. The difference was what they chose to do with those words. People are exposed to the same truth, but how they respond determines if they are walking in wisdom or according to the world. Wisdom is more than hearing or knowing the words of Scripture, it’s about living every day according to those words.
- 3. How does the Bible describe a foolish man? Could you be described by any of these?**
The Bible has a lot to say about fools. Fools are committed to their atheism, governed by their own minds, controlled by impulses, motivated by their own opinions, characterized by quick answers, determined in their ignorance, and enslaved to their desires. Encourage participants to use this list as a tool to evaluate whether they are living more like fools or wise men.
- 4. How can you walk like a man of wisdom?**
To walk like a man in wisdom means to walk in accordance with the Bible. The wise man recognizes that only God has all the wisdom. As Job learned, the wise man must not try to figure everything out but trust that what God’s Word says is true. Like David, the wise man understands that wisdom comes from God and wants to know and understand the Scripture. Ultimately, true wisdom is about fearing God and keeping his commandments. And the Song of Solomon reveals the wisdom of limiting temptation by not awakening love before its time. The wise man builds his life on the rock, on the words of Christ which he has heard.
- 5. Read Psalm 111:10 and Proverbs 1:7.**
 - a. What do these verses teach about wisdom?**
Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord.
 - b. According to Psalm 111:10, what makes someone wise (i.e., have understanding)?**
They practice fearing the Lord.
 - c. How does Proverbs 1:7 contrast the wise with the foolish?**
The wise fear the Lord, but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.
 - d. What does it mean to fear the Lord? (Consider Psalm 33:8)**
To fear the Lord means to be in reverent awe of Him, recognizing His sovereign power over all things.
 - e. How does Deuteronomy 10:12-13 clarify what it means to practice fearing the Lord?**
The verse links fearing the Lord to walking in His ways, loving Him, and serving Him wholeheartedly.
 - f. What conclusion can you draw from these verses about walking like a wise man?**
Wisdom comes from fear of the Lord, which is practiced by serving God and obeying His commandments. To walk like wise men, then, means to love, serve, and obey God.

EPISODE 2

Walk With Discipline—Or Lose Your Edge

A man's habits shape the man he becomes. Unchecked distractions, wasted time, and weak priorities slowly dull spiritual strength and focus. God calls men to live with discipline and purpose, not passive reaction. This session presses you to examine how you use your time and build patterns that sharpen rather than weaken your walk.

Session Objective: Evaluate how you use your time and habits so you can build disciplined patterns that strengthen your spiritual life.

1. How is redeeming the time more of a wisdom issue than a moral issue?

A moral issue is one in which there is a question of right and wrong. A wisdom issue is not about something that is inherently right or wrong, but rather what is the best way to do something. When it comes to redeeming the time, many of our activities are not inherently right or wrong (though some may be), but the question is are we using our time in the best way to glorify God. It isn't about what we do; it's about how we do it. We are free to choose what fills our time, but doing it wisely means that we are seeking to please the Lord in whatever we do.

2. What are some of the biggest challenges you face to using your time wisely? How will you address them?

Encourage honest evaluation and discussion, recognizing challenges and ways to overcome them. Many people have busy schedules, poor time-management skills, misplaced priorities, lack of accountability, etc. Discuss practical steps for training in time-management, setting up accountability, realigning priorities and schedules, etc.

3. What are the biggest factors in your life that affect the way you redeem the time?

Discuss various goals, purposes, and motivations and how they lead to redeeming the time. Encourage those who are struggling to redeem the time wisely to identify a goal or purpose to drive them in a way that glorifies God rather than gratifies self. Use discussion to excite and motivate participants to walk wisely.

4. What activities do you need to limit or eliminate in order to make the best use of your time? What activities do you need to make time for?

Discuss answers, encouraging specific answers and practical plans for correction. Some may need to eliminate sinful or worthless activities. Some may have activities that they spend too much time on. For some, it may be enough to set limits, but if they struggle in an addictive way, there could be value in eliminating the activity completely. Encourage discussion regarding activities that ought to be prioritized, such as spiritual disciplines or time with family.

5. Read Colossians 3:23-24.

a. What specific actions are prescribed in this verse?

There are no specific actions prescribed in this exhortation. Rather, it refers to the manner in which we should conduct any of our actions.

b. In what manner should we work?

We are called to work heartily. This implies that we do our best with all our being, seeking to honor Christ in our manner as well as our actions.

c. What motivates this manner of activity?

We should be motivated to do everything as if we are serving Christ because, ultimately, we are. Our focus is not on the temporal, but on the eternal and our future inheritance.

d. How does this verse speak to the idea of redeeming the time?

This passage suggests that it doesn't matter what we do so much as how we do it. Note, the "whatever you do" cannot include sinful behaviors because those would not be done in service to Christ. Whatever we do, we ought to do it as if we are working for the Lord.

EPISODE 3

Walk With Discernment—Or Get Played

Every message you absorb shapes how you think and live. Culture trains the mind as much as it entertains it. Without biblical discernment, error can feel normal and truth can feel optional. This session develops spiritual discernment so you can evaluate influences clearly and think according to Scripture.

Session Objective: Develop biblical discernment so you can recognize false influences and think clearly according to God's truth.

1. How does knowing the days are evil motivate you to walk wisely?

Recognizing that the days are evil should motivate us to be careful to walk wisely because we are in a hostile environment. If we are not careful and diligent, we will easily be swept along by the evil around us and, to some degree, within our own hearts. When we are aware of the enemy, it is much easier to stay on guard. We ought to be lights in this dark world, and we can only do that by being careful to walk as wise men.

2. Have you thought much lately about the fact that the end of the world is near?

Many of us get into the rhythm of life and the end fades from focus. We often think of the end as far in the future or some surreal event. It is easy to lose sight of the urgency motivated by recognizing that the end of the world is coming and could be at any moment. Discuss how much that truth does and/or should affect the way we live.

3. Do you live your life as if you were promised tomorrow?

Encourage honest reflection. Many of us live as if we are promised tomorrow. We make plans, we put off things that we ought to do today, we prioritize temporal things, etc. Identify specific ways one might live differently in light of tomorrow not being promised.

4. What have you been putting off that should be done today?

Encourage specific answers, focusing on things of spiritual and eternal nature. This may include sharing the gospel with a friend or acquaintance, making time for prayer and Bible study, repenting of a recurring sin, taking steps of sanctification, committing to a missions or service opportunity, etc. Encourage each participant to identify a particular step and make a plan to address it as soon as possible.

5. Read Matthew 24:36-51.

a. Who is speaking in this passage? In what context is it found?

Jesus is speaking. This is part of the Olivet Discourse. Jesus was on the Mount of Olives just outside of Jerusalem teaching the disciples about His return and the end of the age. This took place a few days before Jesus was crucified.

b. How does the account of Noah help us to understand the coming of the Son of Man?

Noah lived in a time where the whole world was wicked and God judged the world with a global, catastrophic flood to destroy the wicked (only preserving Noah and his family on the ark). But the people were just going about their business as normal until suddenly faced with God's wrath. So will be the coming of the Son of Man. He will come to judge the wicked and His return will be sudden and unexpected like a thief in the night.

c. How should we behave in light of this truth?

We must be prepared, perpetually living at the ready. This means, first of all, repenting and trusting in Jesus for salvation. We also must be a faithful and wise servant, continuing to serve the Master wholeheartedly as if He may return at any moment.

d. How does this passage help you to understand why Paul gave the reason "because the days are evil"?

Because the days are evil, Jesus will return to judge the world and do away with evil. We don't know when He will come and we want to be found faithful when He does, so we must live every day, every moment as if He is coming.

EPISODE 4

Walk by Truth—Not Your Feelings

Feelings are powerful but unreliable guides. When emotions drive decisions, confusion and instability follow. God calls men to live by conviction grounded in truth. This session centers your thinking on biblical truth as the foundation for decisions, responses, and direction.

Session Objective: Learn to anchor your decisions and responses in biblical truth rather than emotional impulse.

1. Have you ever asked what God's will was for a certain decision in your life? How did you go about seeking His will?

Encourage participants to share their experiences. Most Christians have at various points asked what God's will was for a specific situation in their lives. Some may turn to friends or counselors, books, influencers, etc. Some turn to the Bible, but grab verses out of context or misinterpret or misapply a passage. Many Christians look to emotions or feelings, dreams, or even just their own desires. Discuss the shortfalls or failings of such approaches, recognizing that the wise approach is to look to God's Word (in context and rightly understood).

2. How does focusing on the inspiration, inerrancy, infallibility, and sufficiency of Scripture increase your confidence in and reverence for the Bible?

The Bible is the very breath of God. He has revealed Himself to us through His Word. It is without error. Scripture, in its original autograph and properly understood, does not affirm anything that would contradict truth. It is infallible, unable to mislead or to fail in its purpose. And Scripture is sufficient; it is everything we need to equip us for a life of faith and service to God. We have everything we need to know about God and how He wants us to live. These truths should promote a confidence and reverence for God's Word and drive us to treasure the Scripture and to hold it as supreme and authoritative in every area of our lives.

3. Why should we not expect God to speak directly or specially to us?

God has revealed His Word to us completely and perfectly in the canon of Scripture; His Word is sufficient. Everything we need is found in the Bible. God spoke to individuals and prophets in the Old Testament, and He revealed Himself to the apostles in the person of Jesus Christ. But today, He speaks to us through His Word. While individuals in the Bible did receive direct divine revelation, all of the divine revelation is now contained in the Bible, and we do not receive new, fresh divine revelation today.

4. How can you know God's will?

We can know God's will through His Word. God has revealed His will through the Bible. Though He may not speak to us directly and give specific directions regarding a specific decision, He has provided everything we need to be able to discern His will. If we are going to walk as wise men, we must walk according to God's will, which means we must understand His will. The only way to understand the will of the Lord is to know and live by the Scripture He has revealed.

5. Read Psalm 19:7-11.

a. What is Scripture called in this passage?

Scripture is referred to as the law, testimony, precepts, commandments, and rules of the Lord.

b. How does David describe Scripture in this passage?

David declares that God's Word is perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, and true.

c. What does God's Word accomplish?

It revives the soul, makes one wise, brings joy, enlightens, and brings great reward.

d. What is David's attitude toward Scripture?

To David, God's Word is more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. It is precious.

e. How does this passage teach that God's will is revealed in His Word?

This passage elevates Scripture as the perfect (i.e., blameless and lacking nothing) Word of God. David declares that the Word of God is to be desired above anything else. It brings life and wisdom, and it enlightens the believer to understand who God is and how to please God. By Scripture are we warned and in obedience is great reward. God has revealed His gospel and His moral will in His Word.

EPISODE 5

Walk by Scripture—Not Guesswork

God has not hidden His will behind signs, impressions, or random signals. He has revealed His truth clearly in Scripture. When men replace the Word with guesswork, direction disappears. This session strengthens confidence in the sufficiency of Scripture as the guide for real-life decisions.

Session Objective: Strengthen your confidence in the sufficiency of Scripture as your primary guide for knowing and obeying God's will.

1. What is mysticism and how is it practiced by many Christians?

Mysticism is believing that spiritual reality and truth are verifiable by inward feelings, judgment, and experiences. It also involves believing one has a special line of communication from God. Though most Christians would never claim to hold mystic beliefs, many practice mysticism in seeking to understand or apply God's will. They search for evidence or confirmation of God's will outside of Scripture.

2. What is the common danger in using any of these nine ways of making decisions?

The nine methods for decision-making described in this episode involve subjectivity, personal experience, and mysticism. They elevate a subjective experience over the inspired, authoritative Word of God. The danger, then, is that you are no longer guided by the absolute truth of God's Word but by subjective interpretation of circumstances or feelings.

3. Why do these approaches fall short of implementing God's Word accurately?

God reveals Himself through His Word. The Bible is authoritative and sufficient. God's Word is absolute truth. Looking outside the Bible to affirm God's will is to ignore what God Himself revealed and instead look to the fickle and fallible thoughts, feelings, and experiences of mankind. There are many ways that we can misuse the Scripture or misunderstand feelings in a way that causes us to make decisions that do not honor God.

4. How have you used these methods in the past? How might you approach a decision differently as a result of this episode?

Encourage thoughtful reflection, discussing how prominent many of these approaches are, why they are enticing, and why they are not as helpful as they may seem. Challenge participants to use a Scripture-focused approach to decision-making, and discuss what that might look like.

5. Read Proverbs 28:26.

a. What two people are contrasted in this verse?

A wise man and a fool.

b. What distinguished the fool from the wise man?

The fool trusts in his own heart/mind but the wise man trusts in wisdom and will be delivered.

c. How does all we have learned in this study about wisdom help you to understand what this verse means by "walk in wisdom"?

God instructs us to be careful to walk not as unwise (fools) but as wise. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. We are wise when we discern what the will of the Lord is—and do it. God reveals His will through His Word. With all these things in mind, the man who walks in wisdom is the one who knows and obeys the Word of God, who walks according to God's commandments.

d. Why is it foolish to trust in one's own heart?

(Note: different versions may render the term as "heart" or "mind" but the original term indicates the innermost being, often indicated by feelings, will, and intellect.) The fool trusts in his own heart—that is, his own feelings, impressions, desires, and thoughts. This is foolish because his heart is fallible, deceitful, and subjective. This is akin to mysticism.

EPISODE 6

Walk in Conviction—Not Compromise

Confusion about God's will produces weak conviction. Scripture distinguishes between God's sovereign will and His moral will, giving clarity about what we are responsible to obey. When those truths are blurred, compromise grows. This session builds clarity and firmness rooted in God's revealed Word.

Session Objective: Understand God's revealed moral will and grow in firm, Scripture-based conviction.

1. What benefit is there in differentiating God's sovereign will and moral will?

It is easy to get confused and frustrated in trying to discern God's will for your life. Recognizing the two aspects of God's will can clarify the pursuit by relieving us from the responsibility of understanding God's sovereign will. We don't have to know the secret things of God, how He works things out or what He has ordained. Our responsibility is simply to know and walk according to His moral will—the will He has clearly revealed to us in His Word.

2. How does acknowledging God's sovereignty ease the burden when we fail to walk according to His moral will?

As Christians, we are called to be careful to walk according to the moral will God has revealed in His Word. However, we will inevitably fail at times. It is in those times that we can find comfort and reassurance in knowing that God is sovereign and works all things for His glory and our good. We may have transgressed His moral will, but we can never thwart His sovereign will. God is still in control and is still working all things, even our failures, to further His purposes.

3. How can you know God's moral will? What are some examples of God's moral will?

God has revealed His moral will to us through Scripture. We can know His moral will by studying His Word. It is God's will that we would repent (Acts 17:30), that we would submit to the authorities in our lives (Romans 13), that we would abstain from sexual immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3), that our minds would be renewed (Romans 12:2), that we would proclaim His name, be satisfied in Him, and bring Him glory.

4. If God is holy and just, how can sin and evil be part of His will?

This question is made simpler by the distinction between God's sovereign will and His moral will. Obviously, sin and evil are always contrary to God's moral will. God is never the author or agent of sin or evil. Those things only occur when someone violates God's moral will. But in His sovereign will, God does ordain that those things happen so that He would be glorified. The greatest example of this is Jesus' crucifixion. Sinful men executed Jesus, but God ordained this evil act in order to accomplish His plan of redemption, ultimately bringing about His glory and our good.

5. Read Deuteronomy 29:29.

a. In what context is this verse found?

This statement follows the covenant Moses reads before all of Israel, just before they enter the promised land. He has read them God's Law and called them to formally covenant with the Lord to obey it. Moses makes this statement just after warning the people that if they do not walk in obedience to the covenant, God will send the curse recorded in the book of the Law.

b. What two things are contrasted here?

Secret things and revealed things.

c. What is the purpose of the things that are revealed?

The things that have been revealed belong to the people so that they might obey them.

d. What does this passage suggest about the secret and revealed will of God?

The secret things belong to the Lord—they are not for us to know or concern ourselves with. The things that have been revealed belong to us. These are the things that we need to know in order to obey and, thus, live in God's will. This is the will that we are to discern and to pursue—His revealed moral will.

EPISODE 7

Walk by Faith—Not Signs

Many men search for personalized signals instead of trusting revealed truth. Scripture teaches that God guides through His Word, not subjective signs. Chasing impressions produces uncertainty, but walking by faith produces steadiness. This session trains you to trust God's revealed truth rather than mystical shortcuts.

Session Objective: Replace sign-seeking and subjective guidance with faithful trust in God's revealed Word.

1. Have you ever interpreted a subjective impression or feeling as God speaking to you? How would you interpret things differently as a result of this study?

Guide discussion to discern between subjective impressions and God's revelation from Scripture. Take care not to discount the role of thoughts, emotions, and impressions entirely. After all, the psalms are full of emotion. But emphasize that God speaks through His Word, not subjective experiences.

2. How has looking at verses that are often taken out of context or misapplied impacted your perspective on looking for the individual will of God?

Encourage participants to share how their perspective has been impacted by this episode. Perhaps they have misapplied these verses, or seen them misapplied, in the past. Perhaps they bought into some of the ideas without realizing where they came from. Discuss the importance of context to the correct application of God's Word.

3. How does a big view of God's sovereignty and His Word provide comfort and assurance when it comes to seeking God's will?

If we truly recognize that the Bible is God's revealed Word and that it is truly sufficient for life and godliness, then we can be confident that we have all that we need. We do not need, and therefore will not look to, other means of direction or revelation. A big view of God's sovereignty provides assurance that God's perfect plan is going to unfold day by day. We don't need to agonize over whether this decision or that is God's will for our lives. Our only concern needs to be walking in obedience to His moral will revealed in His Word.

4. How would you respond to someone who feels that God gave them specific direction or guidance apart from Scripture?

Discuss answers. Emphasize that we want to communicate with grace and compassion. If they are claiming guidance that is contrary to Scripture, we should seek to offer correction. However, if the resulting action is consistent with biblical principles, then it may be better not to address the specific experience but instead emphasize the sufficiency of God's Word.

5. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24.

a. In what context is this passage found?

This passage is found at the end of 1 Thessalonians. Paul wrote this letter to the new believers in Thessalonica to encourage them in their faith. In verses 12-22, Paul gives final instructions summing up how they ought to act (see also 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8). Verses 23-24 is a benediction.

b. What is the will of God, based on this passage?

In the immediate context, the will of God for you is to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances. Truly, this entire section describes godly living, which is God's will.

c. How does the believer test everything?

This is a reference to checking truth claims against the authoritative Word of God. We know whether something is true or good if it lines up with what God has revealed in Scripture. This also relates to the wisdom of discerning whether or not an action aligns with the will of God.

d. According to the benediction in verse 23, what is God's will for you as a believer?

God's will is your sanctification. Sanctification here refers to the process of being made holy, being conformed to the image of Christ. God's will is for that process to be completed.

e. How does this passage inform your understanding of God's will?

Discuss answers. God reveals His will for us in His Word. It is in passages like these that we find practical instructions for how we ought to live in relation to God and to other people. This sanctification is described as God's will for you. There is no indication that there is a more personal, individual will revealed elsewhere. If you are looking for God's will for you, it is found here (and throughout Scripture).

EPISODE 8

Walk With Courage—Or Stay Stuck

Indecision and overanalysis keep many men spiritually stalled. Growth requires action, responsibility, and courage rooted in trust. God calls men to step forward in obedience, not remain frozen in uncertainty. This session moves you toward confident, God-honoring decision making.

Session Objective: Practice making wise, God-honoring decisions with courage and forward movement instead of hesitation.

1. How can you be confident that your decisions are wise and God-honoring?

The Bible does not give a step-by-step process for making every decision, but God has given us everything we need to honor Him with our decisions. First, God's will is for everyone to repent and be saved, and He calls those who are saved to be sanctified. Next, we must focus our hearts on God through prayer and saturating ourselves with God's Word. When it comes time to make a decision, we seek godly counsel from men of the Word who will point us back to the direct teachings and indirect principles found in Scripture. Having taken these steps, we can make decisions confidently, exercising the freedom to follow our hearts for His glory.

2. Why is prayer and studying the Word so important to biblical decision making?

These two steps are instrumental in the biblical decision-making process because it is through His Word that God reveals His will and prayer turns our hearts to God. We are not praying for signs and wonders or expecting God to speak to us through prayer. But we are praying according to the biblical pattern, asking God to give us wisdom and understanding, asking for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, and asking that He would grant us peace and pure hearts and motives. It is through prayer and the Word that our desires become God-honoring.

3. Where can you go to get wise counsel? Why is it important to be selective about whom you solicit advice from?

Encourage participants to identify at least one godly man to whom they can look for wise counsel. Discuss the importance of selecting counselors who will speak from the Word of God rather than give worldly advice, mere opinions, or personal experience. Wise counselors will be those who know and love the Word and who walk according to its wisdom.

4. How has this study better equipped you to make God-honoring decisions? How will you change how you approach decision making?

Discuss answers, encouraging reflective conversations and practical changes. God-honoring decision making starts with salvation, knowing and loving the Word of God, and walking in obedience to God's revealed will. The faithful Christian needs not be anxious about making decisions, but can walk confidently in obedience and liberty.

5. Read Proverbs 19:21.

a. What attribute of God does this verse teach?

This verse very clearly describes the sovereignty of God. Because He is in control of all things, He will accomplish His purpose. His purpose cannot be interrupted, hindered, or altered by the plans and decisions of men. Closely related to God's sovereignty are His omnipotence and eternity.

b. Who determines the man's plans in this verse?

The plans/decisions are made by the man himself.

c. Does this verse make a judgment regarding the man's plans?

No, this verse does not explicitly make a judgment regarding whether the man should or shouldn't be making his plans.

d. How does Proverbs 16:9 help you to think about Proverbs 19:21 as it relates to making decisions and God's sovereignty?

These proverbs teach similar truths, but Proverbs 19:21 applies God's sovereignty toward His own purposes (i.e., His sovereign will) while Proverbs 16:9 applies His sovereignty in a more specific way to the individual. However, it does not teach that God reveals His plan to the man or instructs him to make one decision over another. Rather, the man plans his own way based

on what he desires. These verses suggest that God will accomplish His sovereign will and the man is free to make whatever decisions and plans he wants (assuming they are in line with God's revealed moral will) and trust that God will sovereignly work it all out for His own glory and the man's good.

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EPISODE 2: Walk With Discipline—Or Lose Your Edge

A man's habits shape the man he becomes. Unchecked distractions, wasted time, and weak priorities slowly dull spiritual strength and focus. God calls men to live with discipline and purpose, not passive reaction. This session presses you to examine how you use your time and build patterns that sharpen rather than weaken your walk.

Session Objective: Evaluate how you use your time and habits so you can build disciplined patterns that strengthen your spiritual life.

- 1. How is redeeming the time more of a wisdom issue than a moral issue?**

- 2. What are some of the biggest challenges you face to using your time wisely? How will you address them?**

- 3. What are the biggest factors in your life that affect the way you redeem the time?**

- 4. What activities do you need to limit or eliminate in order to make the best use of your time? What activities do you need to make time for?**

- 5. Read Colossians 3:23–24.**
 - a. What specific actions are prescribed in this verse?**

 - b. In what manner should we work?**

 - c. What motivates this manner of activity?**

 - d. How does this verse speak to the idea of redeeming the time?**

EPISODE 3: Walk With Discernment—Or Get Played

Every message you absorb shapes how you think and live. Culture trains the mind as much as it entertains it. Without biblical discernment, error can feel normal and truth can feel optional. This session develops spiritual discernment so you can evaluate influences clearly and think according to Scripture.

Session Objective: Develop biblical discernment so you can recognize false influences and think clearly according to God’s truth.

- 1. How does knowing the days are evil motivate you to walk wisely?**

- 2. Have you thought much lately about the fact that the end of the world is near?**

- 3. Do you live your life as if you were promised tomorrow?**

- 4. What have you been putting off that should be done today?**

- 5. Read Matthew 24:36–51.**
 - a. Who is speaking in this passage? In what context is it found?**

 - b. How does the account of Noah help us to understand the coming of the Son of Man?**

 - c. How should we behave in light of this truth?**

 - d. How does this passage help you to understand why Paul gave the reason “because the days are evil”?**

EPISODE 4: Walk by Truth—Not Your Feelings

Feelings are powerful but unreliable guides. When emotions drive decisions, confusion and instability follow. God calls men to live by conviction grounded in truth. This session centers your thinking on biblical truth as the foundation for decisions, responses, and direction.

Session Objective: Learn to anchor your decisions and responses in biblical truth rather than emotional impulse.

- 1. Have you ever asked what God's will was for a certain decision in your life? How did you go about seeking His will?**

- 2. How does focusing on the inspiration, inerrancy, infallibility, and sufficiency of Scripture increase your confidence in and reverence for the Bible?**

- 3. Why should we not expect God to speak directly or specially to us?**

- 4. How can you know God's will?**

- 5. Read Psalm 19:7-11.**
 - a. What is Scripture called in this passage?**

 - b. How does David describe Scripture in this passage?**

 - c. What does God's Word accomplish?**

 - d. What is David's attitude toward Scripture?**

 - e. How does this passage teach that God's will is revealed in His Word?**

EPISODE 5: Walk by Scripture—Not Guesswork

God has not hidden His will behind signs, impressions, or random signals. He has revealed His truth clearly in Scripture. When men replace the Word with guesswork, direction disappears. This session strengthens confidence in the sufficiency of Scripture as the guide for real-life decisions.

Session Objective: Strengthen your confidence in the sufficiency of Scripture as your primary guide for knowing and obeying God's will.

- 1. What is mysticism and how is it practiced by many Christians?**

- 2. What is the common danger in using any of these nine ways of making decisions?**

- 3. Why do these approaches fall short of implementing God's Word accurately?**

- 4. How have you used these methods in the past? How might you approach a decision differently as a result of this episode?**

- 5. Read Proverbs 28:26.**
 - a. What two people are contrasted in this verse?**

 - b. What distinguished the fool from the wise man?**

 - c. How does all we have learned in this study about wisdom help you to understand what this verse means by "walk in wisdom"?**

 - d. Why is it foolish to trust in one's own heart?**

EPISODE 6: Walk in Conviction—Not Compromise

Confusion about God's will produces weak conviction. Scripture distinguishes between God's sovereign will and His moral will, giving clarity about what we are responsible to obey. When those truths are blurred, compromise grows. This session builds clarity and firmness rooted in God's revealed Word.

Session Objective: Understand God's revealed moral will and grow in firm, Scripture-based conviction.

- 1. What benefit is there in differentiating God's sovereign will and moral will?**

- 2. How does acknowledging God's sovereignty ease the burden when we fail to walk according to His moral will?**

- 3. How can you know God's moral will? What are some examples of God's moral will?**

- 4. If God is holy and just, how can sin and evil be part of His will?**

- 5. Read Deuteronomy 29:29.**
 - a. In what context is this verse found?**

 - b. What two things are contrasted here?**

 - c. What is the purpose of the things that are revealed?**

 - d. What does this passage suggest about the secret and revealed will of God?**

EPISODE 7: Walk by Faith—Not Signs

Many men search for personalized signals instead of trusting revealed truth. Scripture teaches that God guides through His Word, not subjective signs. Chasing impressions produces uncertainty, but walking by faith produces steadiness. This session trains you to trust God's revealed truth rather than mystical shortcuts.

Session Objective: Replace sign-seeking and subjective guidance with faithful trust in God's revealed Word.

- 1. Have you ever interpreted a subjective impression or feeling as God speaking to you? How would you interpret things differently as a result of this study?**

- 2. How has looking at verses that are often taken out of context or misapplied impacted your perspective on looking for the individual will of God?**

- 3. How does a big view of God's sovereignty and His Word provide comfort and assurance when it comes to seeking God's will?**

- 4. How would you respond to someone who feels that God gave them specific direction or guidance apart from Scripture?**

- 5. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12–24.**
 - a. In what context is this passage found?**

 - b. What is the will of God, based on this passage?**

 - c. How does the believer test everything?**

 - d. According to the benediction in verse 23, what is God's will for you as a believer?**

 - e. How does this passage inform your understanding of God's will?**

EPISODE 8: Walk With Courage—Or Stay Stuck

Indecision and overanalysis keep many men spiritually stalled. Growth requires action, responsibility, and courage rooted in trust. God calls men to step forward in obedience, not remain frozen in uncertainty. This session moves you toward confident, God-honoring decision making.

Session Objective: Practice making wise, God-honoring decisions with courage and forward movement instead of hesitation.

- 1. How can you be confident that your decisions are wise and God-honoring?**

- 2. Why is prayer and studying the Word so important to biblical decision making?**

- 3. Where can you go to get wise counsel? Why is it important to be selective about whom you solicit advice from?**

- 4. How has this study better equipped you to make God-honoring decisions? How will you change how you approach decision making?**

- 5. Read Proverbs 19:21.**
 - a. What attribute of God does this verse teach?**

 - b. Who determines the man's plans in this verse?**

 - c. Does this verse make a judgment regarding the man's plans?**

 - d. How does Proverbs 16:9 help you to think about Proverbs 19:21 as it relates to making decisions and God's sovereignty?**