

Discerning Questions

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When faced with a deed, a word, an action, an attitude, a circumstance, which a decision will be summoned, before participating in such, ask the series of questions below. They can serve as a method in helping to discern right and wrong, good and bad. While nothing takes the place of training our senses with the Word of God (Hebrews 5:12-14), the following questions of personal interrogation can go a long way toward one maturing in Christ.

- 1) Is it condemned explicitly or implicitly in the Bible? Galatians 5:19-21
- 2) Will it harm me spiritually? Romans 8:1-14
- 3) Will it harm me physically? 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
- 4) Will it harm me emotionally? Matthew 26:75
- 5) Will it hurt others, causing them to go astray? 1 Corinthians 8:9-13;
- 6) Will it take too much of my time and money? Luke 12:16-21; Ephesians 5:15-16
- 7) Will it hurt my influence for Christ and His church? Matthew 5:13-16
- 8) Will it violate my conscience? Acts 24:16; Romans 14:21-23
- 9) Will it cause a spot or stain in my life? James 1:27; Ephesians 5:25-27
- 10) Will it lead me into bad company? 1 Corinthians 15:33
- 11) Will it hinder me from performing my responsibilities as a Christian? 2 Timothy 2:4; Matthew 6:33
- 12) Will it corrupt my heart? Matthew 15:18-19; Philippians 4:8
- 13) Will I want to conceal it from others? John 3:19-21; Hebrews 4:12-13
- 14) Is it something which other Christians could uncompromisingly associate and participate? Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 1:3-7; 2:3-6
- 15) Can I pray about it? Matthew 26:41

16) If Christ were with me would he approve Acts 10:35; Ephesians 5:1-10

May the Lord bless you as you strive to do His will...

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