

So I have listed 15 points that I would like to mention in connection with the question? "How should a Christian make decisions?? I don't know whether I have time more than to mention these 15 points but even if I did there would be real value in bringing them to your attention. When it comes to making important decisions I believe everyone of us should start at this point. How should a Christian make decisions? Make sure that you are a Christian. It is possible & for a person to engage in Christian work as a layman through many years; it is possible for him to get a full theological training and to go out and take a position in a church and to find that he has never personally received Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord. This is the central thing in the Christian life and work to be sure we have entered into a permanent relation to Jesus Christ as our sin-bearer. It cannot be repeated too often.

Sometimes I wonder, if a sermon presents wonderful Christian truth, if it gives a fine exposition of the Scripture, if it gives much that is to be desired, and never anywhere in it brings out a clear statement of the way of salvation, is that really a Christian sermon? Jesus calls upon us to bring people to Him, and there is nothing more important in our decisions that we be absolutely sure that there is no question that you really belong to ~~the~~ Christ.

Second. Make sure you are really determined to do what God wants. Are you looking to God for what He plans? Are you looking to Him to give His benediction, His blessing to things you think of? Or are you anxious to do what He really wants you to do? A few years ago almost all students would have known the name of Stacey Woods. Stacey Woods came to this country from England, though he was really brought up in Australia. He came over here and he started in this country the Inter-Varsity movement. A movement that had been a great force in England for many years. Only shortly before that it had been introduced into Canada. Just before his death a few years ago, Stacy wrote a book which he called Some Ways of God. There was one incident in that book that impressed me particularly.

He mentioned how after he gave a message in a Christian group in Toronto, a young woman came up and said, Mr. Woods, How am I going to find out what God wants me to do? She said, I have been invited to go to a prom at my university tonight. She said, I know ~~I'm a Christian~~ I would greatly enjoy it. But is it God's will that I should go or not?" How can I find out?" Stacey said to her, "Well, suppose you were to find out that it was not God's will that you should go. Would that mean you would not go?" She said, "I don't know. I'd have to think that over." Stacey said, "You'd better think that over. That's the first thing you need to decide." He said that evening, after the next meeting, she came to him again and said, "I have decided I want to do what God wants me to do, and I have turned down the invitation to the meeting tonight." Stacey said, he was glad that she decided it on her own.

There is no point in your thinking, How will God guide me? What does God want me to do? unless you are determined that once you find what God wants you to do that is what you will do with no questions about it.

Third. Pray God to quiet selfish thoughts and merely human feelings. Before you start worrying about a decision, worrying whether to do this or that. What does God want? These points should be through through. You should have a careful definite position on it. Pray God to selfish thoughts and merely human feelings.

There is a story in 2 Kings 3 that has puzzled many people. Three kings-- the