

Forward: Claiming the Life God Gave You
A Story of Decisions
Joshua 9:1-27

There are 3 different kinds of decisions in Joshua 9.

- (1) The Gibeonites made a _____ decision out of self-preservation. (9:1-13)
- (2) Joshua and the leaders of Israel made a _____ decision out of self-reliance. (9:14-15)
- (3) Both Israel and Gibeon made the _____ decision to keep their word. (9:16-27)

The following is a 4-part Biblical framework for making wise and Godly decisions:

- (1) Test the _____ and ethical implications of your decision. (Psalm 1:1-2, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, 2 Peter 3:17)
- (2) Identify your _____ because that's where you're truly headed. (Philippians 2:3, Colossians 3:17, James 3:13-17, Proverbs 21:2, Hebrews 4:12)
- (3) Listen to the _____ of others but evaluate it in the context of whose giving it. (Proverbs 13:20; 27:6)
- (4) Ask God for direction but _____ God to know Him. (Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 6:31-34)

Challenge: What kind of decisions are you making? Are the decisions of your life a testimony of a life lived in submission to Him that comes from a sincere belief in the Gospel that declares His love for you, or a life lived trusting your ability to understand and _____ your circumstances? (Proverbs 16:25)