

MANEUVERING THE GRAY AREAS OF LIFE

Asking the Right Questions

1. Is the decision within the moral will of God?
2. Is the decision being made in the attitude of Christ? (Romans 15:1-13)
3. Is the decision being made under the control of the flesh or the Holy Spirit? (Galatians 5:13-26)
4. Will the decision have a positive spiritual impact on self? (1 Corinthians 6:12; 10:23-24)
5. Will this decision addict or enslave? (1 Corinthians 6:12)
6. Is the decision consistent with the rule for Christian Living?
7. Will the decision hurt a fellow believer spiritually or set a spiritual death trap? (Romans 14:13)
8. Will the decision have a positive spiritual impact on fellow believers? (Romans 14:19; 1 Corinthians 10:23-24; Galatians 6:1-10)
9. Does the decision go against conscience? (Romans 14:14)
10. Will the decision disrupt fellowship and damage relationships within the community? (Romans 14:15)
11. Will the decision damage reputation? (Romans 14:16)
12. Will the decision remove focus from the big picture of God's Kingdom? (Romans 14:17-19)
13. Is the decision being made out of a selfish heart? (Romans 14:20-21) Will the decision offend? (1 Corinthians 10:32)
14. Can the decision be imitated by others who understand their freedom? (1 Corinthians 10:33-11:1)
15. Is the decision being made in light of the advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ? (1 Corinthians 9:19-24; 10:33)
16. Will the decision glorify God? (1 Corinthians 10:31); Will the decision make a big deal about Jesus? (Galatians 6:11-16)

(Brent Crowe, *Chasing Elephants*, NavPress, 2010, chapter 5)