BIBLICAL DECISION MAKING Part I

MUSIC DRESS **CHARACTER OF GOD** How does it reflect God's person? Holy (Isa. 6) Balanced (Pro. 11:1) **RELATIONSHIPS**

FAMILY

WHAT PLEASES GOD

All stems from humility

- Conforms to His character
- Conforms to His word

Hos. 6:6; Pro. 21:3; Jer. 7:22-23, 9:23-24

Ecc. 12: 13; 1 Pet. 1:16; 1 John 2:5; John 15:14

- Bears the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5)
- Bears the Fruit of Righteousness (Heb. 12.11)

BEST

BETTER

GOOD

- Orderly (1 Cor. 14:33)
- Cannot Lie (Titus 1:2)

PRE-FALL INTENT (IDEAL)

Why was it created to begin with?

- Innocence (Gen. 2:25)
- Purity/Beauty/Perfection (Ezek.28:15)
- Glory of God (Col. 1:16)

HEART MOTIVE

James 1:5

- Pride vs. Humility (Prov. 29:23)
- Self-will vs. God's will (Psalm 139:23-24)
- Control vs. Yielding (Jer. 10:23-24)
- Emotion vs. Truth/Reality (Jer. 17:9)

WHAT DISPLEASES GOD (SIN)

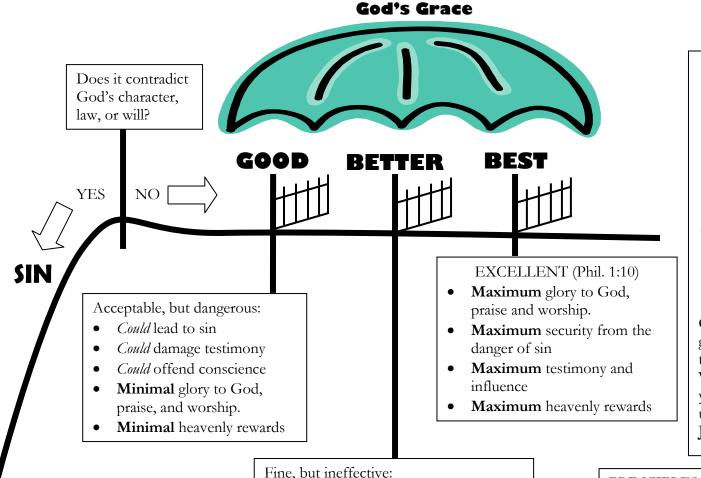
All stems from pride

- <u>Sin</u> "Missing the mark" of God's **character**
- **Transgression** Rebellion against the law/word of God
- <u>Iniquity</u> Perverting, bending, twisting the will of God

Ex. 34:7; Ps. 32:1-2; Rom. 14:23-24; 1 John 3:4

NOTHING IS AMORAL! I Corinthians 10:31 – Whether therefore ve eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God

BIBLICAL DECISION MAKING Part II Building Fences of Protection



THE PEACE OF GODLY DECISION MAKING: **God's Sovereignty**

God does not force His children to grasp in darkness. If you are prayerfully trying to find God's perfect will, He WILL NOT hide it from you. Where you fail, God's sovereignty WILL make up the difference.

James 1:5-6; Phil. 4:6-7

- Marginal glory to God.
- Marginal security from the danger of sin
- Marginal testimony and influence
- Marginal heavenly rewards

PRINCIPLES FOR MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

- 1. Stay within the fence of God's moral will
- 2. Decision making starts where biblical absolutes stop
- 3. The wrong goal: a perfect decision
- 4. The right goal: a wise decision.

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Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (Phi 4:8 KJV)