

Sequim Community Church
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MAKE THE WISEST CHOICE
John 14:15-17 & 25-27

INTRODUCTION:

- A. What is the best way to get to an unknown destination?
"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go..." **Psalm 32:8**
- B. God's "Revealed Will" can be summarized in the two Great Commandments (Mathew 22:38-39)
- C. God's "Permissive Will" gives us the freedom of choice:
- Right from wrong (Luke 19:1-10)
 - From one or more God pleasing choices (Genesis 2:16-17 & I Corinthians 8:8)
 - Whether or not to fulfill God's "Revealed Will" (Ephesians 6:2 & I Peter 4:10)
- D. To wisely enjoy God's "Permissive Will" He has given us the Holy Spirit as our guide.
"But when the Father who sent the Advocate as My representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you." **John 14:26**

I. FEEL ASSURED NOT ANXIOUS

- A. **Misconceptions** about God's Will...
- B. God is **ultimately** responsible for His will.
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." **Proverbs 3:5-6**

II. LEARN BY LISTENING

- A. We need to **learn** to stop, look and listen to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit communicates in a variety of ways:
- Our thoughts focusing in a particular direction.
 - A specific insight.
 - Holy coincidence and circumstances.
- B. As such, the Holy Spirit's **guidance** can be experienced as:
- Illumination (John 16:12-15)
 - Instruction (John 16:12-15)
 - Conviction (John 16:8-11)
 - Warning (Acts 20:22)
 - Direction (Acts 20:23)
 - Assurance (Romans 8:26)
- C. Tips that **help** us stop, look and listen:
- Having a regular time to meet with God (Psalm 46:10).
 - Ask three key questions:
 - What is the wisest thing to do in light of my:
 - past experience?
 - present situation?
 - dreams and future plans?
 - Write them out, think them out and talk them out.
- D. ***"If any of you lacks wisdom [or any other good thing] let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach and it will be given to them."*** **James 1:5**

CONCLUSION: