

SERMON STARTERS

GOD'S COUNSEL FOR MY CONDUCT

Conscientious Christians have legitimate questions about how to conduct themselves as followers of Jesus Christ. Let's ask some questions from God's perspective and then see what the Bible answers to our questions are.

CAN I DO THIS AND BRING GLORY TO GOD BY DOING IT?

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (I Corinthians 10:31)

CAN IT BE DONE FOR THE LORD?

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:23)

CAN IT BE DONE IN JESUS' NAME?

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)

IS IT EVIL OR WOULD IT IDENTIFY ME WITH EVIL PERSONS?

"Abstain from every form of evil." (I Thessalonians 5:22) Also, "Evil company corrupts good habits." (I Corinthians 15:33)

WOULD IT HINDER ANOTHER CHRISTIAN?

"Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble." (Romans 14:20-21)

WILL IT HELP ME GLORIFY GOD IN MY PHYSICAL BODY?

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." (I Corinthians 6:19-20)

DOES IT HELP OR HURT MY LIFE AND TESTIMONY?

"All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything." (I Corinthians 6:12)

WILL IT CONFORM ME MORE TO THE WORLD OR TRANSFORM ME TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS?

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:2)

IS IT SIN?

"To him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin. (James 4:17)

DO I WANT TO REAP THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY LIFESTYLE IN MY LIFE OR IN MY CHILDREN?

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.”
(Galatians 6:7)

AM I WILLING TO FACE MY CHOICES AT THE COMING JUDGMENT?

“We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” (II Corinthians 5:10)

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**“I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;  
My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.  
I have set the LORD always before me; Because  
He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.”**

Psalm 16:7-8

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