Decisive Indecision
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Introduction:
A. John 7:24 - What the Lord wants
   1. He wants us to make judgments and decisions
   2. He wants us to use wisdom and prudence in so doing
B. Make wise choices - Deut. 30:19; 1Kings 18:21
   1. Be decisive - Prov. 4:25-27; Isa. 50:7
   2. Perseverance math
      a. Patience + nothing else = enduring, surviving (to what purpose; accomplishing what?)
      b. Willpower + nothing else = acting, doing (to what purpose; accomplishing what?)
      c. Patience + Willpower = Perseverance (accomplishing good, doing well in the long term, to the end)

I. WHY WE DO NOT WANT TO MAKE DECISIONS
A. Fear of uncertain outcomes (Fear of failure)
B. Fear of leadership or fear of being alone in the choice
   1. Wait for someone else; husband waits for wife, or vice versa
   2. Some believe they are incapable of making decisions
   3. Must be convenient to say, "I am willpower and courage disabled."
   4. 1Cor. 6:2-3
C. Irresponsible - John 9:39-41
   1. You can't have it both ways; you can't have the privileges of adulthood without the responsibilities; you can't have the blessings in Christ without bearing a cross
D. Unhealthy fear of God - (i.e., "He's eagerly waiting to punish me if I make a single mistake")
   1. Prov. 29:25; Isa 51:12-13; Heb. 12:9-12
E. Do not want to move out of my comfort zone - Acts 1:8, 8:1
F. Don't trust God for the results
   1. Since we can't see past the horizon, we think God can't either
   2. 1Sam 13:8-14 - Saul made an impatient, unauthorized offering at Gilgal

II. HOW TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS
A. Heavy focus on prayer - Neh. 1:4
B. Gather all necessary instruction and information
   1. Count the cost (assets and liabilities) - Luke 14:28-30
   2. Get a first-hand view of the work - Neh. 2:12-16
C. Seek Godly counsel - Prov. 15:22; Judges 18:5
D. Never rush into a critical decision - Prov. 15:28, 21:5, 29:20
E. Never make a decision when emotions run high - Numbers 14:39-45
F. Ask: Will this decision hinder my Christian walk and influence?
   1. How will it impact the rest of my life? My family? My brethren & friends?