



Is That Your Final Answer?

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Picture yourself on the game show “Who Wants to be a Millionaire” and you are just one question away from winning a million dollars. Oh and did I mention that you have used all of your lifelines? Your friend Steve from school got you through that question about geography, the audience had your back on that one about history, and you were able to narrow it down after using the 50/50 when they asked you who the actor in that movie was. All that has gotten you up to this point but now, here you are, stumped on that last question and you think to yourself, “if only I had one more lifeline, one that knew all the answers. I can’t do this on my own!”. You choose your best guess. It is your final answer and... “I’m sorry that is incorrect.”

Now you may or may not have realized this but our lives are like a game show every day. We all make hundreds of decisions in our daily schedule, some without even thinking and just like in a game show we have our lifelines we look to for what decision to make. Many people like to “phone a friend” when they have a problem. I’ll be the first to admit that when I don’t know what to do in a situation that I will turn to my friends, but the downfall of that strategy is that my friends and yours are flawed humans too and don’t always have all the answers. Others tend to “ask the audience” or look to their peers for what to do, a follow the crowd kind of thing. The truth is, however, that what everyone else is doing is not what is going to get you ahead in life, they often make decisions based on themselves and what will benefit them or make them feel good. And finally, people will often rely on their own knowledge and make decisions by themselves. Although it may seem that way, even you are not 100% reliable. So if all of our lifelines are flawed then what can we do?

The difference between being on a game show and our real life is that we all have a fourth and superior lifeline available and that lifeline is God. He has all the answers in the world and wants what is best for you . Here’s what the Bible has to say about God’s Wisdom:

- "For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Prov. 2:6
- "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Prov. 3:5-6

Giving your decisions up to God can be a tough habit to get into if you are like I was a year ago. I relied on my friends and myself for advice or answers. However, once you get started you can see that God will take over and give you the choice that is best for you. One decision that I have given up to God recently is who he wants me to date because I want a relationship that is built around him and one that God approves of as well. Also, my flawed human decision maker has gotten me into some bad relationships in the past. Giving things up to God to decide doesn’t mean that you have no say at all. God wants to know what you want too and you can tell him that. Now this doesn’t mean that you have to stop and pray for God to tell you whether to get fries or an apple at lunch. God just wants us to live our lives through his Word and base our decisions on what the Bible says. So when faced with the tough decision of Fries vs. Apple we can look to 1 Corinthians 6:19 that says, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?” now do you think the Holy Spirit wants a greasy temple? Getting into the Word and learning it a few times a week or 5 minutes a day is the best way to make decisions that will honor God and benefit you because you will start to live it and leave your bad decisions behind.