

Discernment

The call to follow Jesus

“The Framing of Discernment,
my call to follow”

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“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.” John 14:12

‘Everything is permissible for me’—but not everything is beneficial. ‘Everything is permissible for me’—but I will not be mastered by anything. ‘Everything is permissible for me’— but not everything is constructive.” 1 Corinthians 6:12, 10:23

“Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? Does not understanding raise her voice? At the highest point along the way, where paths meet, she takes her stand; beside the gate leading into the city at the entrance, she cries aloud: ‘To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all humankind. You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, gain understanding.”

*“I, wisdom, dwell together with **prudence**” Proverbs 8:1-5,12*

PRUDENT: Planning carefully ahead of time; taking no chances;

PRUDENCE: the exercising of careful thought before action;

Following Jesus, will in some ways, be unique to you. What is Jesus asking you?
Your past temptations / sin, Your present circumstances, Your future with Jesus

“When Peter saw him, he asked, ‘Lord, what about him?’ Jesus answered, ‘If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me’”. John 21:21-22

Discernment (listening) is done is best done in the context of questions

A decision is always the outcome of discernment (listening).

In your relationship with Jesus, who asks the most questions?

Our friendship with Jesus lives in tension with the Lordship of Jesus

Not all questions or decisions are the same – good questions **frame** other decisions and give us focus on our journey of following Jesus.

These questions require intentional time of discernment, and set direction for a longer period of time.

What topics should we seek to discern first? Those in which the major of our other decisions will be framed within. What does Jesus say about my...

Finances, Time, Relationships, Service, Character

Questions for reflection

In light of my unique circumstances... What do you want to say about my relationships? My family? My marriage? My finances? My resources? My time? My sin? My habits? My character?

Jesus, what area of my life do you want to talk to me about right now?

Jesus, what decisions do you want me to make to follow you in this area?