

Three things in conclusion:

1. If you _____ advice, be _____.
Like a basketball coach:
 - You have to go to them _____ the game.
 - You have to call a _____.
 - You have to go to the _____.
 - You have to go to the _____.
2. If you _____ advice, be _____.
3. If you decide _____ the advice that is given, be _____.

“A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.”
Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV)

MAN’S ADVICE vs. GOD’S ADVICE

The Acts of the Apostles - Part 47

Acts 21:1-17

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“And the Lord said to Joshua, ‘See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the valiant warriors. And you shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days. Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

And it shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people will go up every man straight ahead.’”

Joshua 6:2-5 (NASB)

“And the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. And it shall be that you shall drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there.’”

1 Kings 17:2-4 (NASB)

Reasons it can be difficult to know God’s will:

- Our conscience is really _____ by the _____ that we have had in our lives.
- The advice from _____ is sometimes a _____ thing.
- The advice from _____ or _____ is another factor.

1. Paul is _____ that he is to go to _____.

“For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus in order that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.”

Acts 20:16 (NASB)

Two reasons he wanted to get to Jerusalem:

- He had a sack of _____ that he was taking to them.
- He wanted to be there by the _____ of _____.

“And now, behold, bound in spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.” Acts 20:22-23 (NASB)

“But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.” Acts 20:24 (NASB)

2. He is in _____ to get there.

“And when it came about that we had parted from them and had set sail, we ran a straight course to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara; and having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. And when we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to Syria and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload its cargo.” Acts 21:1-3 (NASB)

3. _____

The advice givers in Paul’s life:

- The people of _____.

“And after looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem.” Acts 21:4 (NASB)

“And when it came about that our days there were ended, we departed and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city.

And after kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home again.” Acts 21:5-6 (NASB)

- The people of _____.

“And when we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and after greeting the brethren, we stayed with them for a day. And on the next day we departed and came to Caesarea; and entering the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him. Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses. And as we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. And coming to us, he took Paul’s belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, ‘This is what the Holy Spirit says: ‘In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.’” Acts 21:7-11 (NASB)

“And when we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem.” Acts 21:12 (NASB)

“Then Paul answered, ‘What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.’” Acts 21:13 (NASB)

“And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, ‘The will of the Lord be done!’” Acts 21:14 (NASB)

“And after these days we got ready and started on our way up to Jerusalem. And some of the disciples from Caesarea also came with us, taking us to Mnason of Cyprus, a disciple of long standing with whom we were to lodge. And when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.” Acts 21:15-17 (NASB)