**VI. Decision**

There is a time to decide. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

“Just Do Something”

* Luke 19:11-27
* Boldness and risk-taking in decision-making because of a sovereign God

**VII. Expectation**

Biblical decision-making is obsessed with our responsibility to   
be faithful stewards, and it is confident that God cannot be thwarted in his work of always doing what is best.

* Romans 8:28

Good resources:

* *Just Do Something* by Kevin DeYoung
* *Guidance and the Voice of God* by Tony Payne & Philip Jensen
* *Step By Step* by James Petty

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#### **Core Seminars – Guidance**

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**Class 1: Anxious or Restful?**

Course Outline:

1. Anxious or Restful?
2. God’s Providence
3. God’s Will
4. Faithfulness
5. Tools of the Trade Part 1: God’s Word, Prayer, Counsel
6. Tools of the Trade Part 2: Circumstances and Feelings
7. Panel

**1. Introduction**

Why would God be displeased with anxious decision-making?

**2. How Does God Guide Us?**

Three ways to think about Christian decision-making:

1) Guidance = Discerning God’s Plan

2) Guidance = Listening to God

3) Guidance = Wisdom (normally)

**3. Our Enemy: Indwelling Sin**

Sin blinds us and keeps us from making wise decisions.

**4. God Guides Us!**

**5. A Framework for Decision-Making**

**I. Consecration**

Consecration means we need to understand ourselves,

God, and how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relates to his providence.

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 6:33

**II. Information**

Start with the question, “Is this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God?”

Gather information about:

1) Yourself

2) Your situation

Romans 12:3

**III. Supplication**

Prayer - Despite the fact that we know God is sovereign – in fact, precisely because we know He is in control – we are to ask God for guidance in the way we should go.

* Ps. 25:5, Luke 11:13

Be persistent in prayer:

* Luke 18:1-5

**IV. Consultation**

Ask believing, mature Christians who know you and love you for counsel.

* Proverbs 12:15, 13:10, 15:22

**V. Meditation**

Biblical meditation is the process of thoughtfully and deliberately applying God’s word to our lives.

* Joshua 1:8-9
* Pitfalls