

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Name: _____

build homework

DUE: December 17

Before you begin your homework, take some time to pray and direct your heart and mind towards God and His Word. Ask God for help in submitting your life and thoughts to His word that you might draw near to Him in this time. Ask Him to increase your desire to know and love and obey Him.

LOOKING BACK...

Look back at your notes from December 3 (D1-D4: Biblical Decision Making). Remind yourself of the man-centered ways of making decisions. What are some things that stood out to you from that lesson? Were there any parts of that lesson that were new or a challenge to you?

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

Take a few minutes to reflect on your devotional time alone with the Lord in the last two weeks. What parts have been enriching to your soul? Write them down here. Then take a minute to praise the Lord for that!

Spend a few minutes thinking through the things that introduce obstacles to meet consistently with the Lord. Take a minute to write some of them down. Then some take time to bring each of these things before the Lord. Ask Him to help you see each of those things the way He sees them.

Do you find yourself using some of the man-centered justifications for making decisions? If so, which one(s)? What principles from our last lesson help you think clearly in this area?

Our last lesson taught about the weakness of using inner peace as a basis for making a decision. Why is it unwise to use inner peace as a good reason to make a good decision? How trustworthy is your heart as an indicator in this area?

Are you characterized by committing an issue to prayer before making a decision? What factors tend to dominate our thinking when we don't pray over an issue? What about when we do?

Can you think of a decision you made in the past that was well informed by Scripture? What effect did that biblical process have on your walk with the Lord? What effect did it have on your relationship with those closest to you?

What are some of the benefits of seeking counsel from a mature believer before making a decision? What are some of the reasons we hold back from seeking counsel from others?

LOOKING AHEAD...

On Saturday, December 17, we will study the deacon qualifications from 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Read that passage carefully and slowly. Why do you think God has been so clear about the qualifications for men who serve as deacons?