



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## “Should I get a covid shot?”

All of us make millions of decisions every day. It starts when that alarm clock goes off. “Do I get up or do I snooze some more?” “What clothes shall I wear?” “What is for breakfast?” “How do I make myself look presentable?” “What do I need to do to get the kids ready?” Then, driving adds a ton more decisions: left or right, forward or backward, need gas, stop or go, pass or not, where to park, wipers on or off, lights on or off, am I going the right speed, what should I do about this traffic, and on and on.

Some decisions will affect the rest of our lives. “What college should I go?” “What major should I take?” “Where should I live?” “What job should I take?” “Who should be my friends?” “What church should I attend?” “Who should I marry?” “Should we have children?” “Should I have this operation?”

When we have a number of choices, we may have a hard time making a decision. However, when we have little or no choice, we often complain. Our decisions are affected by assumptions, presumed facts, situations, thoughts, logic, emotions, ethics, beliefs, personality, background, training, habit, reaction, likes, dislikes, nature, obligations, assignment, laws, employment, others, responsibilities, commitments, compromise, money, the past and more.

Here is an example of decisions facing everyone: “Should I get a Covid shot or booster?” “Should my children get a covid shot?” “What if my employer or government requires it?” Wow, I opened a real can of worms. When I need to make a difficult decision, I use the Joy method. It has worked many times in my life.

**Jesus:** 1. What would Jesus do? “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” I Cor 10:31. 2. What do you believe the Bible states? There are many clear do’s and shall not’s. 3. Did you truly ask God? “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” Prov 3:4,6 God will speak to you through your thoughts or opening/closing a door or through a sign. He will give you that peace that passes all understanding. Trust me I know I heard His voice, I saw His doors, and tested Him with signs.

**Others:** 1. How does it affect your responsibility to your family? “But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.” I Tim 5:8 2. How do this affect others physically, emotionally, and mentally? “And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.” Luke 6:31 3. Will others become closer or farther from Jesus through your decision? Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt 5:13 4. What do others (friends, pastor, family, doctors) say with advice, options and facts about the choices for you? “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.” Prov 12:15 “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32

**Yourself:** 1. How does this affect your body? “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” I Cor 6:19,20 2. How does this affect your future? “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Cor 2:9 3. What kind of testimony does this make? “But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.” I Cor 8:9 4. What is your attitude? “Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.” Luke 22:42


“Should I get a Covid shot?” “Should I marry this person?” “Should I apply for this job?” These and more are questions you have to answer. You must seek God’s will in everything you. We then have not right to judge.

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