



Determining Right Positions

As believers, we should live our lives with the purposeful intention of pleasing God and influencing others for Him. Below are a series of questions that can be helpful when evaluating the various lifestyle choices that every believer faces. Taken together, these questions provide something of a methodology for determining right positions.

The background for these considerations was presented in a message that was preached on Sunday morning, 7-27-2014. You can access it online at <http://mmbm.org/differences>.

Primary considerations

1. What does the Bible say about the matter in question?
(2 Tim. 3:16-17)
 - Relevant commands and explicit statements
 - General principles and biblical examples
2. What does my conscience say? (Rom. 14:5-6, 14, 22-23)

Additional considerations (the potential effects of my choice)

3. Will it be spiritually helpful for me? (1 Cor. 6:12a)
4. Will it (or could it) control me? (1 Cor. 6:12b)
5. Will it cause offense to other believers or cause another believer to stumble? (Rom. 14:13b, 15, 21; 1 Cor. 8:13)
6. Will it build up (edify) my fellow believers? (Rom. 14:19)
7. Will it hinder my testimony with unbelievers?
(1 Cor. 10:32-33)

Overarching consideration

8. Will it bring glory to God? Is that my true motivation?
(1 Cor. 10:31)