

How's That Workin' For You'
How To Make Decisions That Will Bless Your Life
"Seeing God in Your Circumstances"
(Part 5)
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I. Circumstances Alone Do Not Indicate _____

Acts 16: 5-7 "So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew larger every day. Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there." (NLT)

A. Just because we can do something doesn't mean _____

B. Making decisions on circumstances alone is living by sight not by faith
II Cor. 5:7 "We live by faith, not by sight." (NIV)

II. Circumstances Can Indicate A Need To _____

Acts 6:1 "But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. The Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food." (NLT)

A. When circumstances hinder what God wants to do

B. When circumstances hinder God's _____ priorities

III. Circumstances Combined With _____ Determines Direction

Matt. 7:7-8 "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." (NLT)

Col. 4:3 "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ..." (NLT)

A. God uses a combination of factors to lead us

B. God uses a combination of factors so we can _____

IV. We Must Obey God Believing He Is _____ The Circumstances

II Cor. 2:12 "When I came to the city of Troas to preach the Good News of Christ, the Lord opened a door of opportunity for me." (NLT)

A. Obeying God doesn't mean all the circumstances are _____
I Cor. 16:9 "There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me." (NLT)

B. Obeying God as we see Him in the circumstances is the path of blessing

Rev. 3:8 "I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me." (NLT)