

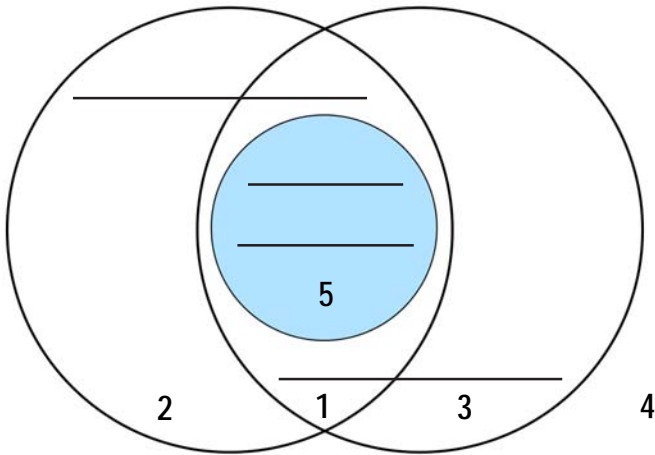
DECIDING THE BIG ONES

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THE BIG 4: FOUR DISTINCTIVE WAYS GOD GUIDES

	Moral Guidance	Wisdom Guidance	Sovereign Guidance	Special Guidance
Sphere:				
Nature:				
Means:	By revealed commands and principles	By acquired wisdom	By sovereign control over events	By divine voice, angel, dream, or miracle
Governing Principle:	According to His moral will (Bible)	According to spiritual expediency	According to His sovereign will	According to special revelation

GOD'S WILL



Category 1: _____ & _____ *Josh. 11:15*

Category 2: _____, but outside _____ *Matt. 26:24*

Category 3: _____, but outside _____ *Matt. 25:41-46*

Category 4: Outside _____ & _____ *Gen. 20:6*

Category 5: Choices _____ to God *1 Cor. 8:8*

BIBLICAL GUIDANCE DEMONSTRATED

JAMES 4:13-16

- >> James _____, but _____ vs. 14-16
- _____ planning -- "today or tomorrow" vs. 13
 - _____ planning -- "spend a year" vs. 13
 - _____ selection -- "such a city" vs. 13
 - Formulation of a _____ -- "make a profit" vs. 13

ROMANS 1:8-13

- The appropriateness of _____ vs. 13
- Paul _____ about his plans. vs. 8-10
- Paul submitted himself and his plans to God's _____ vs. 10,13
- Paul's plans were based on _____ vs. 11-15

STEPS IN PAUL'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

- >> P _____ >> P _____
- >> P _____ >> P _____
- >> P _____ >> P _____

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How does God guide? Discuss what you believe to be true about how God guides us in our daily decisions.
- Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
- What does James 4:13-16 say about wise planning?
- Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.