

NAVIGATING THE GRAY AREAS OF MY LIFE

- 1. Is it of the Lord? Does it bring praise to Him?** For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. **Romans 14:7-8**
- 2. Can I do it in His name? Can I thank Him for it?** Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. **Colossians 3: 17**
- 3. Does it belong in the home of the Holy Spirit?** Of do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not you own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**
- 4. Would Jesus do it?** For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps. **1 Peter 2:21**
- 5. Is it of faith?** The faith which you have, have as your won conviction before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *his eating* is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin. **Romans 14:22-23**
- 6. Does it positively build up? Does it edify?** Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. **Hebrews 12:1**
- 7. What does my biblical authority thing about it?** Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. **Colossians 3:20**
- 8. Does it come from, or have the potential of leading to bondage?** All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything. **1 Corinthians 6:12**
- 9. Does it spring from, or lead to, love of this world?** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. **1 John 2:15-16**
- 10. Does it involve union with an unbeliever?** Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? **2 Corinthians 6:14-15**
- 11. Is the motive lover or pride?** Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. **Philippians 2:3-4**
- 12. What is my mind set on?** Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. **Philippians 4:8**
- 13. Would I like to be doing this when Jesus returns?** Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. **1 John 2:28**

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