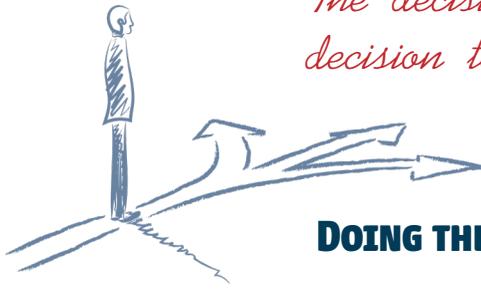


The decision to follow Christ is a decision to live in his abundance.



DOING THE WILL OF THE FATHER ...

SPECIFIC ACTIONS

► CHRIST CAME TO SERVE & TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY ...

- (Mark 10:45 ESV) For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

► CHRIST CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST ...

- (Luke 19:10 ESV) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

► CHRIST CAME TO BRING A SWORD ...

- (Matthew 10:34 ESV) Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

► CHRIST CAME FOR JUDGMENT ...

- (John 9:39–41 ESV) Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard

these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

► CHRIST CAME TO CALL SINNERS TO REPENTANCE ...

- (Matthew 9:12–13 ESV) But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

► CHRIST CAME TO CAST FIRE ...

- (Luke 12:49–53 ESV) I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

► CHRIST CAME THAT WE MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT IN ABUNDANCE ...

- (John 10:10 ESV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

UNDERLYING COMMITMENT

- (Hebrews 10:7 NLT) Then I said, “Look, I have come to do your will, O God—as is written about me in the Scriptures.”
- (John 4:34 ESV) Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.”
- (John 6:38–40 ESV) For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.
- (Galatians 1:3–4 ESV) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.

► TO DO THE WILL OF GOD WE MUST BE ABLE TO DISCERN THE WILL OF GOD.

- (Romans 12:2 ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

► TO DO THE WILL OF GOD WE MUST BE WISE, AND NOT FOOLISH, AND UNDERSTAND THE WILL OF GOD.

- (Ephesians 5:15–17 ESV) Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

► THE ONE WHO DOES THE WILL OF GOD LIVES FOREVER AND ENTERS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

- (1 John 2:16–17 ESV) For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.
- (Matthew 7:21 ESV) Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

► THE ONE WHO DOES THE WILL OF GOD IS OF THE FAMILY OF GOD.

- (Matthew 12:50 ESV) For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.

WE HONOR CHRIST BY FOLLOWING HIM AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD.