

WISNIFG - the 1st assertive right through God

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I've started re-reading WISNIFG as I believe my assertive skills are weak I need to spend some time working on them first. I was reading through the 1st assertive right which the rest of the rights derive from and was thinking about it in the context of God.

Being the own judge of your behavior and actions I think is important for building your frame and learning how to say no without guilt but I struggle with the concept under God. Shouldn't I consider God's judgement and frame as my guide instead of my own?

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Am I thinking about this the right way?

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Deep_Strength • 5 points • 10 January, 2020 06:24 PM

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Mission, mission, mission.

You need to understand your particular mission for God and how everything fits in the context of that.

How is it that Christians throughout the centuries could stand up to persecution and go to the death for not going back on their confession of Christ? They believe God > world.

If you have that type of boldness and confidence in faith in God, then you can orient your life correct to know when to say yes and when to say no. It's very easy to let feelings or guilt drive our actions, but we need to remember that we need to steward our time, money, and relationships well for God's mission. Saying no to things shouldn't be hard. It should be no to most things in reality.

TheMute88[S] • 1 point • 10 January, 2020 08:26 PM

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I appreciate this statement and I think this is an area that I struggle in. Taking ownership of my life (time, money, relationships, etc) for one and steering any of it towards God. I do get caught up in feelings, anxiety, or guilt quite easily. Taking WISNIFG to heart should help with that and making my decisions with God in mind.

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There's things that all Christians should participate in such as the Great Commission: Go and make disciples of all nations. So we should always be ready to evangelize when you get the chance and make disciples.

There's also areas where we have giftings or particular callings to. Mens ministry and ministering to men is one of my main ones. It can be anything though. Perhaps you're good with music or sound so you can use your gifts to help the church there. Maybe you're good at administering things. Maybe you're good at business and can help with Church business or do well at business to raise money for certain charities. The Gifts of the Spirit are another place to start.

A family can be part of the mission, but is not a mission in itself.

TheMute88[S] • 1 point • 11 January, 2020 03:29 AM

Right, the Great Commission. I've been knowing I would need to begin evangelizing at some point but I don't think I know how or to whom.

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Your right. Even a Godly household building up faithful Christians is great just not the entirety of a mission.

I need to pray on all of this and continue my reading of the Word and other resources because in these matters, I feel totally lost. This uncertainty is a total lack of confidence I need to address. Thank you for giving me your thoughts.

rocknrollchuck • 2 points • 11 January, 2020 11:26 PM

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Watch the videos in this post to get started in evangelism. As far as to whom, that would be everyone.

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Do that for now until God leads you to do something else. Bloom where you're planted.

TheMute88[S] • 2 points • 12 January, 2020 09:39 PM

Thanks for sharing those videos. I don't think anyone's really conveyed sharing the law and Jesus together like that for me and it's a really important understanding I needed. Thank you. I feel way more comfortable with learning how to evangelize now.

Deep_Strength • 2 points • 12 January, 2020 03:46 AM

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chuck had a good link. Overall, basically be ready to share your testimony of why you are a believer. Live your life by example and exude the fruits of the Spirit to others. Offer to pray for others. People may not say anything but often they will come to you when life gets hard if you are exemplifying Christ. Then it's a great way to evangelize and minister to them.

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Get out and try different things. Serve the homeless. Go to the mens groups. Do different service activities. Lead a Bible study or learn how to.

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Definitely.

TheMute88[S] • 1 point • 12 January, 2020 09:49 PM

Agreed. I think learning to converse with other's like Kirk mentioned in "Hell's Best Kept Secret" - naturally talking, spiritually talking, and bringing up salvation is something I need to work on.

I do need to keep trying new things. I'll do what chuck suggests and stay planted helping production but finding my spiritual gift will come with exploring many different ways to serve.

DoersOfTheWord • 1 point • 14 January, 2020 03:21 AM

Would you say in terms of WISNIFG that I am my own judge according to my understanding of God's mission for my life? That seems to fit nice and tidy.

Deep_Strength • 1 point • 14 January, 2020 03:46 AM

Would you say in terms of WISNIFG that I am my own judge according to my understanding of God's mission for my life?

Yes and no.

No because we have a thing called the Bible which expounds to us what God's mission is and how we can show that to other people. If you stray from that, you are missing the mark.

Yes because only you and God know when you're giving your best for Him, even if the results are bad or mediocre at some points.

What I mean by yes and no is that we should say yes to do the things that God wants us to (such as those in the Bible) and no to things that waste our time or no to temptations. Easy to say, hard to do.

DoersOfTheWord • 1 point • 14 January, 2020 03:58 AM

Well said.

redwall92 • 2 points • 10 January, 2020 06:06 PM

Which God do you listen to? Who decides that for you?

What do you believe God has said or told you to do? Who gets to decide that for you?

Who decides if your actions are "right" or "wrong", "good" or "bad"? Does a book decide? Some other being? Or do you make a decision and then hopefully remain consistent with your own values?

I am not pushing for some world where there is no absolute Truth. However, I am pushing for a world where you can own your decisions without handing off the reigns to some other being.

I think this concept of frame from the RPC perspective ... where we are under the authority of a God ... I think this frame concept has to do with making sure your worldview is internally consistent. I don't believe it has anything to do with handing off the reigns of our own decision making to someone else.

WISNIFG fits right in with the RPC view IMO. Why? Because I say so.

TheMute88[S] • 1 point • 10 January, 2020 08:12 PM

I appreciate this and think it convey's the point of the assertive right very well.

The first time I read it years ago, I don't think I understood it. And this time reading it, I'm looking at it with God in mind. I have the free will and need to make this decision myself essentially.

We decide what we believe, say, and how we behave. Even under God, that's the entire point of it right?

Red-Curious • 2 points • 12 January, 2020 06:45 AM

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First, God hasn't judged you yet. That won't happen until Judgment Day. So, it's more accurate to say you will be judged by God someday, but until then you must judge for yourself your own life and actions.

Second, the function of sanctification is to make you more godly/Christ-like. In doing so, your own judgment becomes more aligned with God's so that your self-judgment is consistent with God's eventual judgment over you.

Third, your frame is often described as "your best self." This would be a sinless version of you, as a sinful version is less than your best. As such, living in your frame (i.e. the "perfect you") inherently assumes you are sinless and are, therefore, judging yourself consistently with God's judgment over you. When you sin you break your frame (or show that your otherwise unbroken frame was a bad one), which should offend not only God's eventual judgment over you, but also your present judgment of yourself.

Also - what /u/Deep_Strength said.

TheMute88[S] • 1 point • 12 January, 2020 09:54 PM

I appreciate this a lot. Lots of good wisdom here.

First, God hasn't judged you yet. That won't happen until Judgment Day. So, it's more accurate to say you will be judged by God someday, but until then you must judge for yourself your own life and actions.

I don't think I ever made that connection that judgement hasn't actually occurred. Since accepting Christ, I've always consider myself a sinner who is learning how to live like Jesus. Making judgement of my own self with belief in God's Word is somewhat comforting. The goal is to continue to change for the better to closer align with him.

DoersOfTheWord • 2 points • 14 January, 2020 04:01 AM

I feel the same, I just started reading it this year and my spidey sense was tingling with that first assertive right. Assertiveness is a funny thing. I've been going through the New Testament and (digitally) highlighting when Jesus was assertive. Spoiler, almost always. Even when He's just teaching, the people "were amazed because he taught with authority." It's strange because the picture of Jesus meek and mild is so prevalent, but there He is balling out religious leaders, overturning tables and such.

TheMute88[S] • 1 point • 14 January, 2020 05:09 AM

Glad you can relate. If you look at Jesus thoroughly, you can see both sides of him and God. Assertive and meek all in one. A lot of lovey dovey forgiving Jesus is taught about without pointing out both sides of his

character in context.

The challenge then is how do we exhibit two elements of similar character ourselves. Reading about it and even understanding is a start but the hard part for me is acting like that.