

You Must Decide

4284

The decisive factor in human experience is not the emotion, it is the will.

I. Three Main Elements Of The Human Soul

- A. Will
- B. Intellect
- C. Emotions

II. Will Makes The Decisions For Us

- A. David speaks to his own soul (Ps. 103:1–2)
- B. Six benefits of blessing the Lord (Ps. 103:3–5)
 - 1. He forgives all our iniquities
 - 2. He heals all our diseases
 - 3. He redeems our life from destruction
 - 4. He crowns us with lovingkindness and tender mercies
 - 5. He satisfies our mouth with good things
 - 6. He renews our youth like the eagles
- C. It takes a decision of our soul to make that response

III. The Soul Has Three Functions

- A. I want
- B. I think
- C. I feel

IV. Areas Of Life Which Require A Personal Decision

- A. Repentance—literally “change your mind,” “turn around” (Greek deals with head, Hebrew with your body)
 - 1. Message of repentance (Mark 1:2–4)
 - 2. First command of Jesus before “you must . . . believe” (Mark 1:15)
 - 3. First offer of the Gospel (Luke 24:47)
 - 4. First response to the Gospel (Acts 2:38)
 - 5. God’s universal requirement (Acts 17:30)
 - 6. First part of Paul’s message (Acts 20:21)
 - 7. First command of Jesus to 5 out of 7 churches (Rev. 2 & 3)
 - 8. “Turn us and we shall be turned” (Lam. 5:21)
 - 9. Only the Father draws us (John 6:44)
- B. Forgiving
 - 1. Removes a barrier to our prayers (Mark 11:25)
 - 2. Forgive us—as we are forgiven (Matt. 6:12)
- C. Life and blessing (Deut. 30:19–20)
 - 1. God offers them
 - 2. We must make the right choice
- D. Humility (1 Pet. 5:5–6)
 - 1. We must humble ourselves
 - 2. God can humiliate us but He cannot make us humble
- E. Speaking/singing in tongues (1 Cor. 14:15)
 - 1. Four times Paul says “I will . . .”

2. Speaking/singing in tongues is a *decision*
 3. Pentecost—disciples began to speak, then the Holy Spirit gave them the words (Acts 2:4)
 4. Pray in the Holy Spirit (Jude 20, 21) In the midst of ungodliness, we need to pray in tongues
- F. The fear of the Lord (Prov. 1:28–29)

© 1990 — Derek Prince Ministries–International