

...WHO
GOVERNS
WELL, WITH HIS
CHOSEN ONES.



HIGHLIGHTS

1. Related Meanings
2. Sound Principles
3. Factors of Success
4. Evaluation



RELATED MEANINGS (1)

- It's the ability to set the ship of the person's life in order and chart a map for a safe travel.
- It's one of the gifts of the Spirit and a skill to be learned and developed.



RELATED MEANINGS (2)

- “And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues” *1 Cor. 12: 28*



RELATED MEANINGS (3)

- Different Levels of Governing:

- ✓ Country
- ✓ Workplace.
- ✓ Mother Church
- ✓ Diocese
- ✓ Local Church
- ✓ Father of Confession
- ✓ Parents
- ✓ Husband



RELATED MEANINGS (4)

- Distinguishing between the goal, the principle and the governing rules.
- Example 1: Heaven is the goal, purity is a principle, and observing modesty, avoiding bad company, avoiding offenses, and a reasonable curfew are all governing rules.



RELATED MEANINGS (5)

- Example 2: Fear of God is a goal, showing reverence to what is holy is a principle, and coming early to the church, turning off my phone in the church, reading the Bible with respect are all governing rules.



SOUND PRINCIPLES (1)

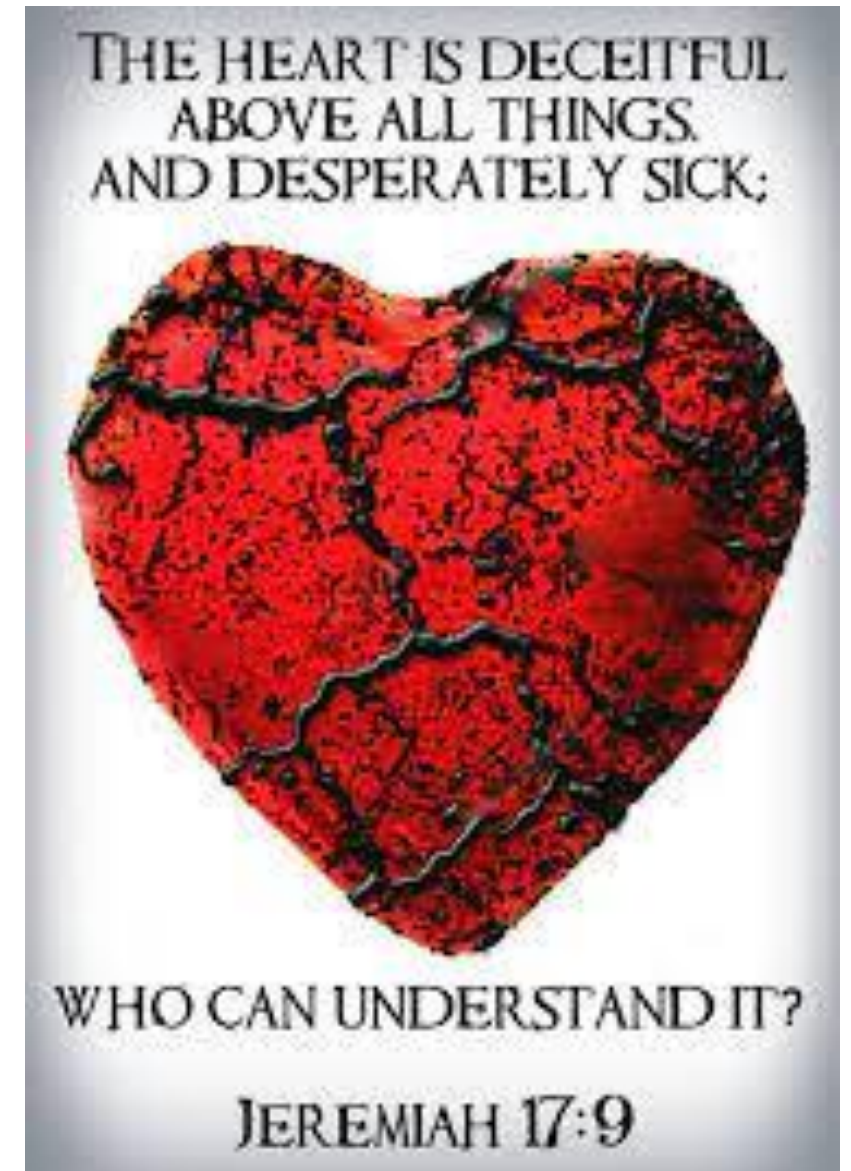
1. Before governing others, a servant needs to govern himself and his household first:
 - “This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?)

1 Timothy 3: 1 - 5



SOUND PRINCIPLES (2)

2. Proper understanding of the nature of man aids the one who governs to do his work properly:
- The heart is deceitful more than anything else.
 - The danger of the small foxes.
 - Undisciplined senses or appetite are hinderances to the pursuit of holiness.
 - An idle mind is the devil's playground.
 - The gradual way up and down.





SOUND PRINCIPLES (3)

3. The necessity to understand the nature of the road:

- The enemy and his traps along the way.
- The long journey and the war of boredom.
- The right expectation of days of consolation and long weeks of spiritual aridity.
- The support along the road.
- The repeated falls and the significance of rising up quickly.



SOUND PRINCIPLES ₍₄₎

4. Heeding the wisdom of calculating the cost first:

- What do I need to run a successful and well functioning household and service?
- How do I manage my resources: e.g. Time, money, relationships?
- Can I afford a war?



SOUND PRINCIPLES (5)

5. Governing well and being led with the Spirit of God:

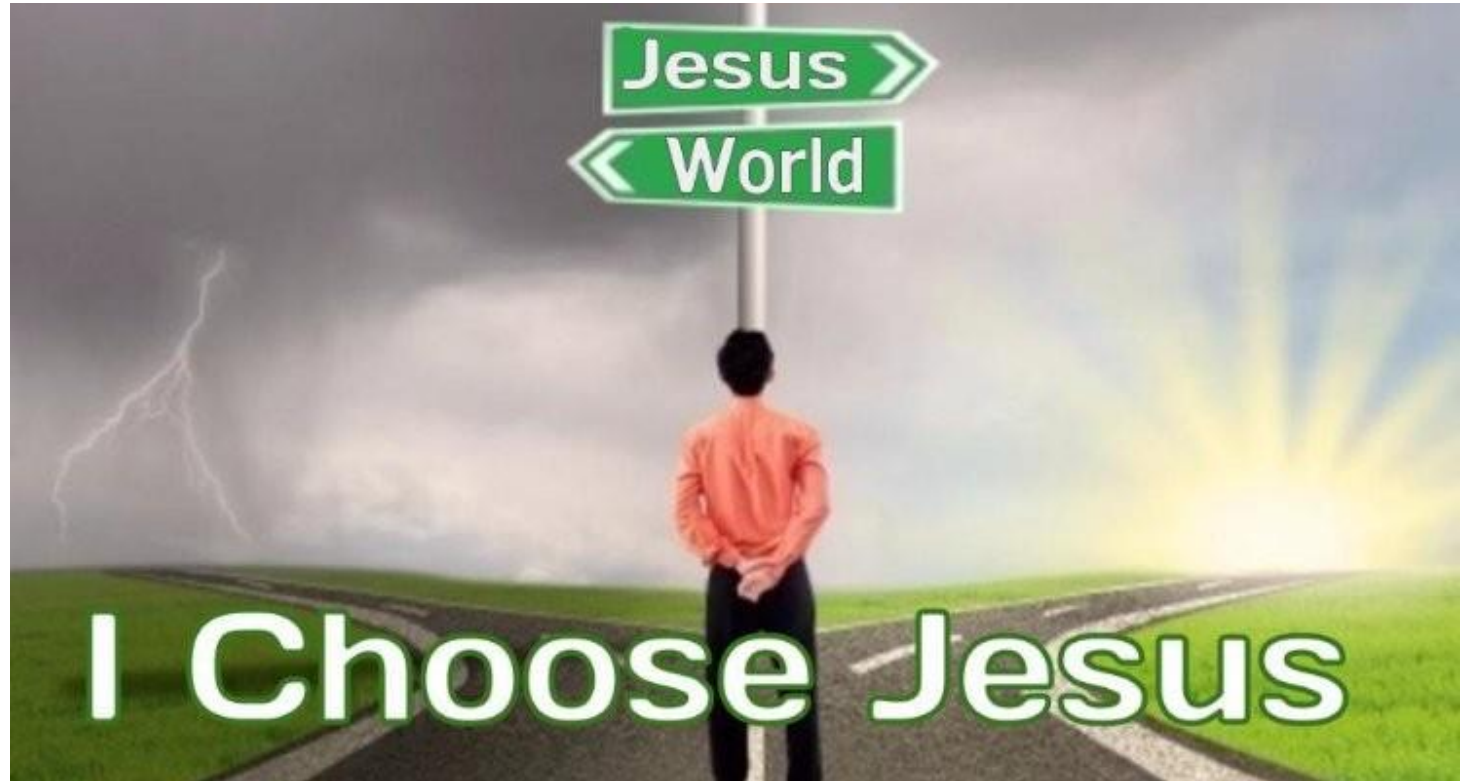
- The necessity of Prayers, Faith, and Love to the pursuit of the heavenly wisdom and being covered by God's grace.
- Rejecting God's wisdom and its drastic consequences: "And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting"

Romans 1:28

Being Led by the
Holy Spirit

SOUND PRINCIPLES (6)

6. The goal will dictate the way to govern and the way to govern points to the real goal:
- ✓ **If God is the goal:**
 - He is the Priority. Life of worship, submission to His decrees, and accepting to sacrifice and suffer to follow him are evident.
 - If my thinking, desires, and preferences come first, avoidance of suffering or even inconvenience while following God and He is a mean for material gains:
 - ✓ **Then my ego and the world are the goals.**



SOUND PRINCIPLES (7)

7. The scope of responsibility between the one who governs and the one governed:
- The one who governs should do it in the fear of God moved by true love to those whom he governs and led by heavenly wisdom.
 - The one who is governed is responsible for “obedience” not to override the governing rules. The story of the “Tree of obedience”



FACTORS OF SUCCESS ⁽¹⁾

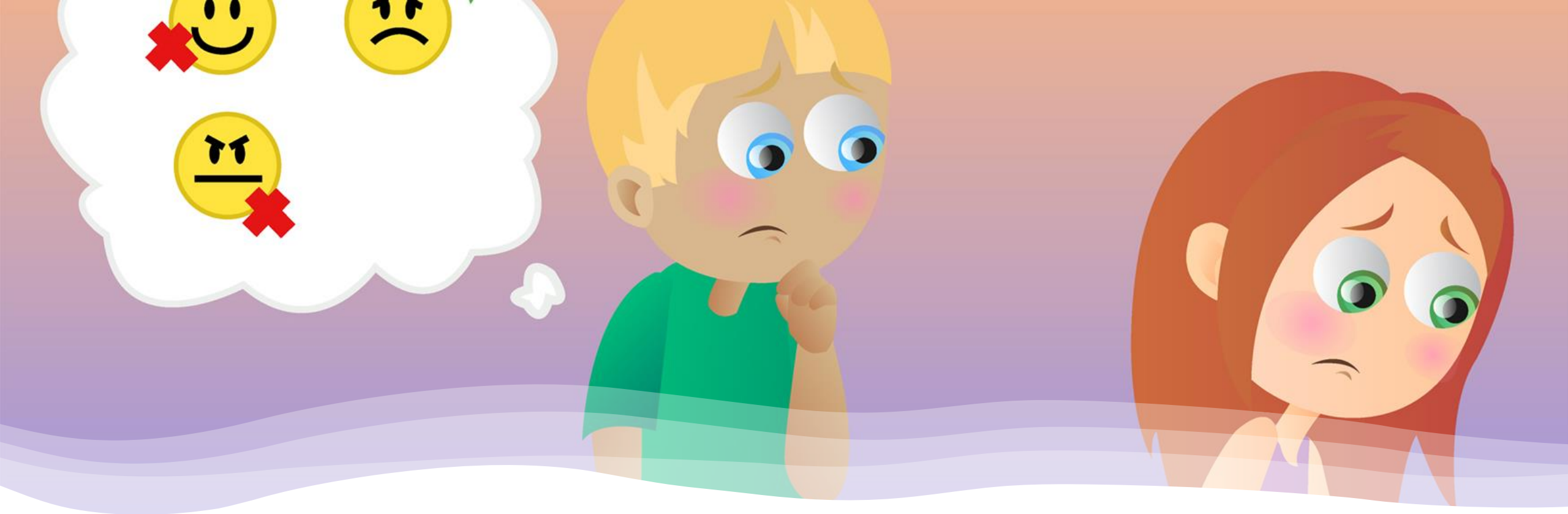
1. The leadership of the Spirit of God – God is the ultimate goal.
2. Freedom from the bondage of slavery to the passions.
3. Credibility facilitates the submission of others to the one who governs.



FACTORS OF SUCCESS (2)

4. Diligence: “he who leads, with diligence” Romans 12: 8
5. Keeping the spirit of discipleship and seeking the council of others.
6. Ability to communicate and explain the goal, the principle and he governing rules.





7. Understanding the needs of those whom he/she governs.
8. Maintaining the critical balance between the needed stability and the flexibility to make a change when beneficial.

FACTORS OF SUCCESS (3)

A hand is placing a wooden block on top of a family silhouette. The family silhouette consists of a man, a woman, and two children, all holding hands. The blocks are arranged in a semi-circle above the family, suggesting a protective or supportive structure. The background is a solid light blue color.

EVALUATION

1. It's not always between right and wrong but rather between right and better.
2. Evaluation based on results. Example: the economy of the Coptic Church while governing her children.
3. Evaluation based on the general atmosphere. Example: home as a nourishing place, a refuge, or a war zone.