

# **THE LORD'S WILL (Part 5)**

## **Deductive Will: Counsel**

### **What is a DEDUCTIVE WILL?**

Our decisions and choices in this life through which God accomplishes His will.

DETERMINED WILL	God's decision--independent of us
DESIRED WILL	God's decision--Our participation
DEDUCTIVE WILL	Our decisions--God's participation

Our decisions in this life are based on three areas:

**CIRCUMSTANCES**  
**CONTINGENCIES**  
**COUNSEL**

### **Learning to \_\_\_\_\_ through counsel**

- Hebrews 5:11-6:3
- The truth is: not everyone is a good source of counsel
- Older, mature Christians have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil

### **What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of this ability?**

- John 14-16 is the last recorded counseling session Jesus had with His disciples.
- We see the **source** of counsel throughout this message.

#### **14:16**

"...He will give you another Counselor...the Spirit of truth."

#### **14:26**

"...the Counselor, the Holy Spirit...will teach you all things..."

#### **15:26**

"When the Counselor comes...he will testify about me."

#### **16:7, 13**

"...when he, the Spirit of truth (Counselor) comes, he will guide you into all truth."

### **Follow the COUNSEL TRAIL**

#### **John 14:8-10**

Father is manifested in the Son...Jesus is the SOURCE

#### **John 16:5-13**

Jesus returns to heaven and send the Counselor

#### **Matthew 28:18-20**

Jesus commissions the apostles to counsel others

#### **1 Corinthians 11:23**

Apostles received and taught

## **Our lives must REFLECT His counsel**

- *Titus 2:1-15 is a letter written by the apostle Paul to an evangelist in the early church.*
- *Paul is providing counsel to Titus who is entrusted with the responsibility to counsel others.*
- *Let's listen in as Paul counsels Titus...*

## **Three results of LIVING by His counsel**

*The counsel was to various groups in the church:*

*Teach older men & women, younger women...*

*2:5*

***"...so that no one will malign the word of God."***

*Teach young men...*

*2:8*

***"...so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us."***

*Teach slaves...*

*2:10*

***"...so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive."***