

# Good News for Anxious Christians

## **WEEK 3      FAITH** (CH. 4- *WHY YOU DON'T HAVE TO "FIND GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE"*)

"The lesson for young [and young-at-heart] people is: it's not enough to learn how to make good decisions about what career to pursue or who to marry. On top of all that, you have to figure out whether this is exactly the decision God has in mind for you." (p. 57, bracketed comment added)

**Which, if any, of your decisions does this describe?**

**What is your discernment process?**

**How does Cary's presentation of finding God's will affirm or challenge your own discernment process?**

Good stewardship involves learning the desires of God in order to skillfully discern and implement good purpose.

**In what ways have you become a wise steward?**

**Do you intentionally foster your stewardship wisdom? How?**

**Have/are/will you teach your children to be wise stewards? How?**

**How do you share your wisdom within your congregation?**

God wants His children to be humble servants who are crafty.

**Is it possible to be both meek and sly?**

**Should we be humble as Christ and sneaky as the serpent in the same ways?**

**How do you learn crafty *street-smarts* and yet remain grounded in faith?**

Learning the desires of God takes a lifetime to accomplish. They are, "a habit of the heart you have to develop through long experience of your own, which includes making mistakes from time to time." (p. 66)

**Do you intentionally gain wisdom from making mistakes? How?**

**Do you allow yourself to fail in order to gain from the experience?**

**In what ways is your life set up or walled off from failures?**

**We have the opportunity to learn more from setbacks than from success, so how could you celebrate your setbacks?**

**How would celebrating failures and successes influence the world around us?**

Cary prescribes that the proper question is not "Is this good for me?" rather, "Is this good or bad?"

**What about the things that are equally (or neither) good or bad decisions (as in politics)?**

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<p><b>Something I want to remember...</b></p>
<p><b>Something I learned...</b></p>
<p><b>Something that was clarified...</b></p>
<p><b>Something I don't understand...</b></p>
<p><b>Something I don't agree with...</b></p>