You Must Decide
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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)
      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. Forging
      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)

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