



# CAPITOL COMMISSION™

## Capitol Bible Study: (DECISIVENESS)

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***We may shift our teaching schedule for summer. Travel and meeting requirements of many in leadership will limit class attendance. My own statewide travel may require us to occasionally miss a day. Currently, we hold prayer/devotional meetings at different times with four leadership teams. Those short messages focus on one principle or truth. We will be sharing a generic summary of these messages through this printed format. Thanks for joining us in this Bible series on leadership.***

### INTRODUCTION

We all have heard leaders who have said one thing and later changed their message or made a different decision. Indecisiveness is a quick way to lose the credibility that you have worked years to establish!

### A LEADER IS DEFINITE AND DECISIVE

***2 Corinthians 1:18 As surely as God is faithful, my word to you does not waver between “Yes” and “No.”<sup>1</sup>***

The Book of 2 Corinthians is a letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the leaders in the Corinthian church. He responded to critics' accusations against his character and integrity. Paul appealed to the highest human court, his conscience! This is the human soul's warning system. The conscience allows a person to contemplate their motives and actions. We can then make moral evaluations of what is right and wrong. God designed the conscience to be fortified by His Holy Spirit and His Word (the Holy Scriptures). We can see evidence of this in the following passages: Romans 12:1-2, 1Timothy 1:19, 2Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 9:14 and 10:22).<sup>2</sup> Have you struggled in answering unfair accusations? Paul appealed to witnesses, his previous correspondence, and to God. ***“Our letters have been straightforward, and there is nothing written between the lines and nothing you can't understand. I hope someday you will fully understand us....”*** (2 Corinthians 1:13).

Governor Brownback eliminated funding for the Kansas Arts Commission and met much criticism. The Governor replied that he had campaigned on a pledge to build a lean administration that focused on essential services. Secretary Siedlecki merged or closed ten of the forty-five Kansas SRS service centers. When criticized, he pointed out that the Legislature had cut the agency budget by \$43 million. Former President Truman fired a popular general amidst much controversy. The President reminded critics that our constitution requires civilian leadership over the military. Many people waffle in decisions, being timid and ambivalent. A leader must give clear direction and articulate established objectives.

### ULTIMATELY, GOD JUDGES OUR MOTIVES

***2 Corinthians 1:20-22 For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding “Yes!” And through Christ, our “Amen” (which means “Yes”) ascends to God for his glory. It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.<sup>3</sup>***

Sovereign God is our ultimate Judge! He judges your motives and those of your accusers. Christ's saving work of grace stabilizes His followers and puts them right with God. Through Christ, all God's promises of peace, joy, love, goodness, forgiveness, salvation, sanctification, fellowship, hope, glorification, and heaven are fulfilled.<sup>4</sup> Are your decisions defensible, proactive, and conclusive? Are the divine promises yes and amen for you?

<sup>1</sup> The Holy Bible. New Living Translation. (Tyndale House). 2007.

<sup>2</sup> John MacArthur, The MacArthur Study Bible. (Thomas Nelson Inc.) p1732.

<sup>3</sup> The Holy Bible. New Living Translation. (Tyndale House). 2007.

<sup>4</sup> John MacArthur, Called to Lead. (Thomas Nelson Inc.) p81.

### DEVOTIONAL DISCUSSION/STUDY

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