

John 18:10-11

*Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. So Jesus said to Peter, "**Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?**"*

"Yea, I think we should do that."

"Let's go for it, it seems like the right thing to do."

"Sure I'll buy that because it's what I need."

Simple things we say and do in the church, and even in our own lives. However, how much do we pray about things before we jump into them?

The plan for church growth sounds good, so we jump right into it, but do we pray about it? Maybe the Lord has other plans on how to do it, and He knows that if we do it our way, we are wasting a lot of time and money. Maybe the Lord has another way, and if the Lord has another way, then you know it is a better way.

We do the same thing with our lives, buying homes and cars and making big decisions without asking for guidance from the Lord. Sure, that car or house deal may sound good right now, but does the Lord have a better car or house for a better price waiting for us? We won't know unless we ask Him.

Even for the single who are looking to get married. Do you jump into it and go by your feelings without even checking with the Lord. Sure, he or she may be a Christian, but is he or she really the Christian that the Lord wants you to spend the rest of your life with?

Have you ever considered asking the Lord once in a while about the simple thing in life, like, "*Lord. where should I go for lunch today?*" Some think that that's too small of a thing to ask the Lord about, or that He has more important things to do than telling us where to go and eat. Think of it this way, God created the atom, He knows how small an atom is, so small that we can't even see it with our eyes, and a restaurant is bigger than an atom. So if God cares about a little atom, does He not care about our small decisions as well as our big ones? So, go ahead and ask God where to go for lunch, because maybe He wants to use you somewhere and will send you there, or simply save you from getting food poisoning.

Big decisions or little ones let's share them with the Lord. He wants us to share our whole life with Him, not just when we have a big decision to make. And when we are including the Lord in our big and little decisions, that is just what we are doing, sharing our whole life with Him.

† **Psalm 16:11** *You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*