

1. Introduction:

A) We're living in a "Free for All" - **No moral compass.** Worse than the hippie movement of the 60's.

B) God on the other hand, "Invites" you to come and follow Him.

2) Last month we looked at What Basis do we use to make decisions:

A) Emotion – If it feels good do it.

B) Opinion – Developed from experience and input from friends

C) Science and facts – suppose to be factual but is political

D) Conviction - Developed over time with discipline and teaching
(But without Holy Spirit can move into religious spirit)

E) Guilt/ Obsession – live under a cloud of condemnation

F) Common Sense - (Where a lot of Christians live) (Prov. 2: 7 – 10)

3) Today we want to focus on two things:

A) **How do I develop "Correct Convictions" –**

B) **Learning to hear the voice of Jesus to guide me through the "mine field" of all the negative influences!!**

4) Let's establish the trickiness of the heart: (Jer. 17: 5 – 18)

5) Developing Good Convictions:

A) Scripture reading/ application - Proverbs/ Ephesians/ I John

C) Inventory your convictions every so often:

What are things in your life that you will not compromise on?

Are there things you are willing to fight for? Make sure you're not moving into religious spirit. (Rom. 14: 1- 3)

D) Hang out with friends who have godly convictions:

- Bad company corrupts character - 1 Cor. 15: 33- 34

E) Shut off the influence of secular society!! It's so easy to swallow small portions of unbiblical thinking!!

6) Learning to hear the "Now Word: of God. Heb. 4: 12 – 13

A)- God's living word - or current word – or Now word.
you hear what he has to say today.

B) This word goes right to the heart. It divided between emotion and Spirit/ flesh and spirit. It exposes what God wants vrs what you want.

C) Author challenges us in previous chapters to not ignore this "Voice" Heb. 2: 1 - Listen carefully Heb. 3: 7