

## Decision-making in Light of the Great Commission

What is our created purpose?

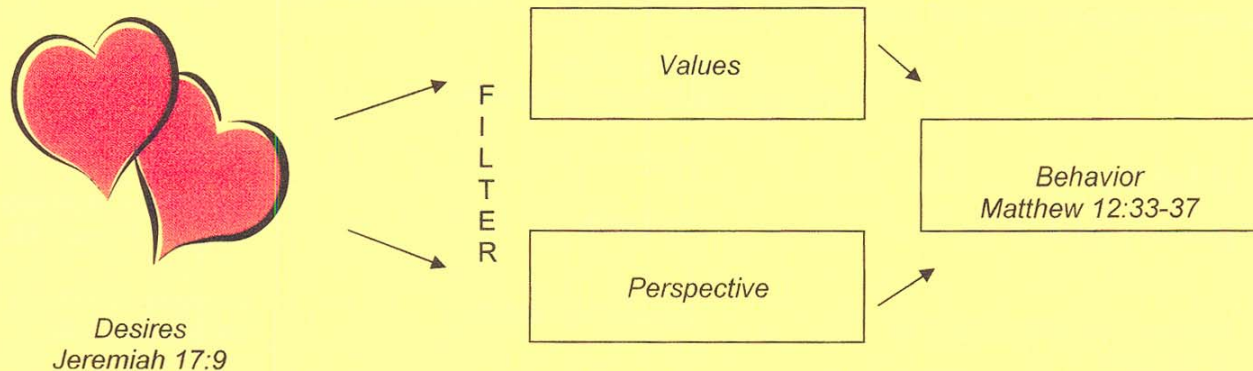
What is the significance of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20?

1. All decisions are inexplicably linked to your character and priorities
2. Decisions made now will impact your future
3. Decisions reflect what is in your heart

Principle:

All human behavior is purposeful. We do things that make sense to us.

How Individual Behavior Is Shaped:



People filter their desires through their perspective and values to come up with their words and actions.

What shapes the perspectives and values for most people?

- Upbringing
- Education
- Personality
- Self-concept
- Life experiences
- Personality
- Life stage
- Spiritual gifting
- Culture in general

Values:

- The relative worth, utility, or degree of importance we put on matters.
- Our behavior indicates our real values.

Perspective:

- Our worldview, beliefs about cause and effect, and true versus real.

The key to lasting behavior change is to create a shift in values and perspective by developing Godly character.

Character:

- The moral qualities by which a person is judged apart from intelligence, competence, or special talents.
- Reputation is what people think you are, character is what you really are.

In our culture, much more emphasis is placed on personality and skills than character. The best illustration is that of an iceberg.



What is seen above the waterline is personality, but character is what exists underneath.

Growth Paradigm  
How the "Hollow Man" Develops

<u>G</u> <u>r</u> <u>o</u> <u>w</u> <u>i</u> <u>n</u> <u>g</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Examples</u>
	How do I walk with Jesus?	Follow Up	Quiet Time, Scripture Memory, Prayer, etc.
	What do I do about this area of my life?	Expanding Lordship	Finances, Dating, Time Usage, etc.
<b>D</b> <b>e</b> <b>p</b> <b>t</b> <b>h</b>	What do I do with these people? (Seminary Students Enter Here)	Ministry Skills	Leading Groups, Counseling, Teamwork, etc.
	What is the truth?	Doctrine, Apologetics, Systematic Theology	Philosophy of Religion, Ethics
	What is a valid approach to ministry?	Strategy	Biblical principles of Leadership, Teaching, Church Growth, etc.

1 Timothy 3 analysis

The importance of the Spiritual Disciplines

"You never outgrow the basics." – John Crawford

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