

Codes for the Will:

Using My Head

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Opening Question:

⁴Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 1:4-6

Are you a person who typically trusts "common sense" or challenges "common sense"? Why?

UNDERSTANDING COMMON SENSE

What is common sense?

Webster defines common sense as "ordinary good sense and judgment."
-Webster's New American Dictionary, 106.

⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

How do you get common sense? (James 1:4-6)

As Christ followers, is there a difference between common sense and Godly wisdom? (Philippians 1:9-11)

¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

John 17:18-19

GOD'S SANCTIFYING PROCESS

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ²who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. **1 Peter 1:1-2**

"I can't prove it statistically, but I'm sure that 90percent of the decisions I make daily are covered in the Scriptures; and I don't have to ask God what to do. I've read my bible enough to know that it's wrong to steal, to lie, to hate, to avenge myself, to gossip, to lose my temper, to harbor resentment, and to be unkind to people. But what about the other 10 percent?.... It's here that we trust God for the sanctified common sense that comes from the renewing of the mind in Romans 12:2. Believers who spend time daily in the Word and prayer gradually develop spiritual radar, a practical wisdom from the Holy Spirit that gives us direction when we need it." The 20 Essential Qualities of an Authentic Christian, Warren W. Wiersbe, 194.

What does it mean to be sanctified? (John 17:18-19, 1 Peter 1:1-2)

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:1-2

What does God use to sanctify us? (Romans 12:1-2)

If our mind is being sanctified, can we trust our common sense? (Romans 12:2)

⁹ Who is wise? He will realize these things. Who is discerning? He will understand them. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them. **Hosea 14:9**

How do you know when your common sense is lining up with God's eternal wisdom? (Hosea 14:9)

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **Galatians 5:22-23**

What will the sanctification process produce in your life? (Galatians 5:22-23)

Is there an area of life where you need to be sanctified or set apart right now?

What can you do this week to begin or continue the process of aligning your common sense with God's wisdom?