***“Help with the “Gray Areas” of Life – What would God have me do?***

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*The following questions should be answered* ***“Yes.***

1. Does it glorify God in every way? -- 1 Corinthians 10:31

2. Does it imitate what Christ would do? -- 1 John 2:6

3. Does it encourage me to give thanks to God? -- 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17

4. Is it lawful? -- Romans 13:1-7; 2 Peter 2:13-17

5. Does it encourage others? -- 1 Corinthians 10:23

6. Does it help me preach the gospel without compromising the truth? - 1 Corinthians 10:27:33

7. Does it help me to be submissive? What do my parents think? -- Ephesians 5:21

8. Does it help me to think in godly ways? -- Philippians 4:8; Romans 12:1-2

9. Does it cause me to grow spiritually? -- *2 Peter 1:5-8;* *2 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 2:2-3*

*The following questions should be answered with a* ***“No.”***

1. Does it enslave me? -- 1 Corinthians 6:12

2. Does it prevent me from doing my best? -- Hebrews 12:1

3. Does it encourage me to rationalize my sin? (“everybody listens to it”) --1Peter 2:16

4. Does it prevent proper stewardship of my God-given resources? i.e., time.

 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 5:15-16

5. Does it serve me first? -- 1 Corinthians 10:33; Romans 15:1-2; Philippians 2:3-4

6. Does it encourage me to improperly judge others? -- Romans 14: 2-13

7. Does it encourage others to imitate me and stumble into sin? -- 1 Corinthians 8:9-13

8. Does it violate my conscience? -- *Romans 14:23*