

God's Silence May Not Be...

The silence of Scripture doesn't necessarily give us permission to act. God's silence is often prohibitive, especially when His Will is clearly stated in the Scripture. But what about those "gray areas" where we think God is silent because His Word doesn't specifically mention the activity?

1. God does not specifically say, "You shall not gamble." But He does inform us that covetous people will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor 6:10). He also commands us to work with our hands and to trust Him to provide our daily needs (Matt 6:11; 1 Thess 4:11-12). So God is not silent about gambling is He?
2. God does not specifically say, "You shall not get high." But He does inform us that using chemicals to alter our state of mind (which "sorcery" entails; Gal 5:20-21) is a work of the flesh that will keep us out of heaven. God also commands us to glorify Him with body and spirit (1 Cor 6:20). So God is not silent about the modern social vices is He?
3. God does not specifically say, "You shall not have an abortion." But He does inform us that murderers face a horrible fate (Rev 21:8), because in the womb we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psa 139:13-14). So God is not silent about our duty to the unborn is He?

God is not silent about a number of things, even when He does not mention the specific activity we have in mind. But we can always know the will of God by examining His Word in the Bible (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:3; John 16:13).

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