**Someone will say “I am allowed to do anything.” Yes, but not everything is good for you** (1 Corinthians 6.12)

NB: Cannabis Legalisation is non-binding, a general indication, EOLC is binding for a particular already-passed Act; you may agree with the idea of EOLC while still disagreeing with the particular wording of the Act itself.

What are the theological principles which help us in our choice?

* God, who is good, has made a fundamentally good creation
* God places his Spirit in our bodies thus, for Christians at least, our bodies are not our own to do as we like
* God gives us freedom to choose; with that comes responsibility.
* God always calls us to do the most loving thing.

Other factors to bear in mind

* Just because something is not illegal does not make it right
* Just because something is natural does not make it good
* Extreme cases may only obscure our point
* Once something is legal it is hard to make it illegal again
* What are the consequences of changing the law?

For the EOLC Act: Question: is it ungodlike to end life prematurely?

Philippians 1.21: **For what is life? To me, it is Christ. Death, then, will bring more.** Is death is the worst thing that can happen to us?

Job 3.20-21: **Why let men go on living in misery? Why give light to men in grief? They wait for death, but it never comes; they prefer a grave to any treasure.** We all fear undue suffering or a life that is not worth living.

For legalising Cannabis: Question: should cannabis be a medical not a legal issue? Does legality lead to worse problems than at present?

1 Corinthians 6.19: **Don’t you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?**

(NB *Medical* use of cannabis is already legal).

For the Christian we need to ask:

1. Commanding Scripture: What does the Bible tell us?
2. Compelling Spirit: What is God telling us deep down?
3. Common Sense: What makes sense?
4. Counsel of the Saints: What do fellow Christians think?
5. Circumstantial Signs: Is this the right time?