

LifeCode

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CHOOSING WISELY, Part 2

Establish Clear Priorities for Wise Decisions

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. —PROVERBS 3:6 NKJV

“With every decision you make, no matter how small or large, you are making a statement about what matters to you.” —DAVID P. HELFAND

Is God first in your life? Decisions are usually made based on who is “Number One.”

Put God first!

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you. —MATTHEW 6:33 NKJV

Expect God’s Guidance and Prove His Faithfulness

God’s guidance and faithfulness are both a principle and a promise. God desires to safeguard your life with His wisdom. The Bible teaches us that God has led, God will lead, and God is leading.

Not all decisions are black and white. However, you can live in the realm of God’s peace through wisdom and fulfill His purpose for your life.

How Do You Know the Will of God?

A. Begin with the Bible

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
—PSALM 119:105 NKJV

Precepts—clear moral codes.

Principles—specific guides for life.

Promises—assurances for when you don’t understand or think you cannot go on.

B. Pray with Persistence

...pray without ceasing.

—1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 NKJV

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. —MATTHEW 7:7 NKJV

Ask—petitioning

Seek—perceiving

Knock—persisting

C. Consider the Circumstances

You can place too much emphasis on circumstances. However, you can learn from your circumstances in order to make future decisions.

D. Think Things Through

Mistakes can be made from not thinking things through. Wrong decisions can lead to the same destination as making unwise decisions.

E. Ask for Advice

Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many counselors bring success. —PROVERBS 15:22 NLT

So don’t go to war without wise guidance; victory depends on having many counselors. —PROVERBS 24:6 NLT

F. Deal With Your Desires

God often begins to work within the desires He gives you rather than outside your desires.

G. Take One Step at a Time

Prove God’s will and wisdom as you live day by day.



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