

BECOMING Wiser

Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do! And whatever else you do get, good judgment. Proverbs 4:7

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#6 WISDOM TO GUIDE YOUR DECISIONS - PART 2

7 STEPS TO MAKING WISE DECISIONS:

1. Start with "yes."

2 Samuel 5:23 (NLT) And again David asked the Lord what to do. ...

Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV) This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 26:39 (NKJV) He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

James 4:13-15 (NIV) Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

2. Check the "life manual."

In the Bible you will discover God's

- Precepts.
- Principles.
- Promises.

3. Get the right information.

Proverbs 18:13 (TLB) What a shame — yes, how stupid! — to decide before knowing the facts!

4. Do the heart work.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Proverbs 21:2 (TLB) We can justify our every deed, but God looks at our motives.

Proverbs 16:2 (NIV) All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord.

Proverbs 16:18 (NIV) Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT) The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

5. Revisit your past in a healthy, helpful way.

Proverbs 26:11 (NLT) As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness.

6. Seek the right advice.

Proverbs 18:2 (NLT) Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.

Proverbs 12:15 (TPT) A fool is in love with his own opinion, but wisdom means being teachable.

Proverbs 19:20 (NLT) Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life.

Proverbs 20:18 (NLT) Plans succeed through good counsel; don't go to war without wise advice.

7. Be patient in the process.

Proverbs 19:2 (NLT) Enthusiasm without knowledge is no good; haste makes mistakes.

Proverbs 21:5 (NIV) The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Proverbs 29:20 (NIV) Do you see someone who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for them.