

LESSON 3 // MAKE BETTER DECISIONS—PART 1

Big Idea: Making better decisions is one of the most important elements in making the most of your life. Your life decisions determine your life direction, and your life direction determines your destiny.

Choosing to apply God’s wisdom to your decisions is a vital part of this. Get to know God’s wisdom through His Word. Be committed to thinking and planning based on the truth of who God is and what He wants for your life. Learn to make better, wiser choices—starting with the “big decisions” of your life—and the Lord will direct your path.

Proverbs 4:11-13 (NLT) *I will teach you wisdom’s ways and lead you in straight paths. When you walk, you won’t be held back; when you run, you won’t stumble. Take hold of my instructions; don’t let them go. Guard them, for they are the key to life.*

Start Talking:

What’s one of the best decisions you have made in your life? Why was it so significant?

Start Thinking:

Read Proverbs 9:11-12. How do your decisions impact your life? How do they impact others around you?

Read Proverbs 4:18-19, 23. What are some of the benefits you have seen from wise decisions you have made? What are some of the consequences you have experienced from poor decisions?

Read Proverbs 13:20. Why is it important that you have wise, godly people influencing your decisions?

What does it mean to “make the big decisions first”? What happens if you fail to do this?

Start Praying:

Pray that you will make wise, godly decisions based on God’s Word that honor the Lord.

Start Doing:

What is a “big decision” you need to make in one of the following areas? (Or perhaps you need to shore up or renew your commitment to an important big decision.) How can you solidify the choice and commitment to follow through on this decision this week?

- Relationship with God
- Daily devotions
- Church attendance
- Tithing
- Relationship with my spouse and children
- People I choose to associate with or build relationships with
- Things I will or will not do or places I will or will not go
- Things I will not say or listen to