

## LESSON 4 // MAKE BETTER DECISIONS—PART 2

**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. Look for and listen to God’s guidance. Trust Him to guide you and He will direct your paths.

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)** *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

### Start Talking:

What are some of the challenges you have encountered in trying to “trust in the Lord with all your heart”? Why is this hard at times?

### Start Thinking:

**Read Proverbs 2:6 and Jeremiah 29:12.** How does prayer help you make better decisions?

**Read Psalm 40:1, Ecclesiastes 7:8 and Romans 12:12.** What role does patience play in listening for and following God’s guidance?

**Read Colossians 3:15.** What is “the peace of Christ” the Apostle Paul speaks about in this verse? What does it mean to let this peace “rule in your heart” as you make decisions?

**Read Proverbs 3:5-6.** How can trusting “in the Lord with all your heart” and submitting to Him “in all your ways” lead to better decisions in your life?

### Start Praying:

Pray for greater trust in the Lord and submission to His will as you seek to make decisions.

### Start Doing:

Take time this week to identify a specific area in your life where you need to trust God in a deeper way for His wisdom.

Perhaps this could be in an important relationship, or in your job/career, or in your finances, or in how you give and serve at church. Pray through this and look for practical steps you can take to exercise your trust in the Lord—and believe Him to guide you in a greater way!