



Making Wise Decisions

THE POWER OF BIBLICAL
COUNSEL

What Biblical Principles Should Inform My Decisions?

Proverbs 2:6: “For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.”

Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 4:7: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

Five Principles For Biblical Decision-Making



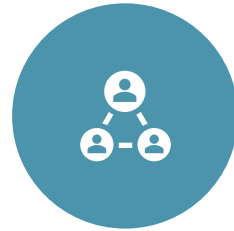
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Mt. 22:37-
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James 1:5



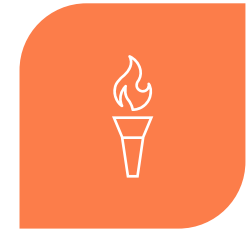
WISE DECISIONS HEED
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Proverbs
19:20; 24:6



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Philippians
4:6-8;
Mt. 7:7



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John 12:28

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PRINCIPLE #1: My Decisions are shaped and informed by Biblical values

Values: the degree of importance of some thing or action, with the aim of determining what actions are best, or describe the significance of different actions.

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself” Matthew 22:37,40

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.” Proverbs 9:10

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PRINCIPLE #2: The wisest decisions are birthed out of an atmosphere of prayer in connection with the Word of God.

“ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of **wisdom** and **revelation**, so that you may **know** him better. Ephesians 1:16-17

“If any of you lacks **wisdom**, you should **ask** [prayer]God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”
James 1:5

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PRINCIPLE #3: **Wise decisions heed wisdom from other wise people.**

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man **listens to advice.**” Proverbs 12:15

“Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an **abundance of counselors** there is safety.” Proverbs 11:14

“Who is wise and **understanding** among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.” James 3:13

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PRINCIPLE #4: WISE DECISIONS ARE NOT MADE IN A HURRY

“Do not be **anxious** about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6

“**Ask** and it will be given to you; **seek** and you will find; **knock** and the door will be opened to you...” Matthew 7:7

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PRINCIPLE #5: WISE DECISIONS SEEK THE GLORY OF GOD

“Father, glorify your name...” John 12:28

“The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks it out.” Proverbs 18:15