

## MAKING GREAT DECISIONS

### VERSE OF THE MONTH

Proverbs 13:20

Walk with the wise and become wise,  
for a companion of fools suffers harm.

How do we make decisions?

Starting Text: Proverbs 3:1-8 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, <sup>2</sup> for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. <sup>3</sup> Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. <sup>8</sup> This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

How can I know God's will in my life?

How can we make better decisions?

### A FOUR WAY TEST FOR DECISION MAKING

- I. BE \_\_\_\_\_ Do this course of action add to a holy life? Does this decision help build holiness in your life?

### REMEMBER GOD'S TEACHING

Proverbs 3:1-2 (Primary Text)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,  
<sup>2</sup> for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

Psalms 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart  
that I might not sin against you.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you

Proverbs 3:7b-8 . . .

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II. ACT IN \_\_\_\_\_ Is this course of action loving? Does this show love?

Proverbs 3:3-4 (Primary Text) <sup>3</sup> Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

III. WALK BY \_\_\_\_\_ Does this decision require faith?

Proverbs 3:5,6 <sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.<sup>[a]</sup>

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we live by faith, not by sight

IV. BE \_\_\_\_\_ Does this decision require and/or build humility? Or does this decision protect my pride?

Proverbs 3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.

Proverbs 28:26 Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe.

Psalms 32:3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long

#### CONCLUSION:

But the greatest decision is whether or not to wholeheartedly follow Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Acts 2:37-38 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.