

HOW TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS
The Six Phases of Faith -- Part 3
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SIX STEPS
GOD'S PRINCIPLES FOR MAKING WISE DECISIONS

HOW DO YOU MAKE WISE DECISIONS?

I. STEP ONE: PRAY FOR GUIDANCE

James 1:5 (GW)

If any of you needs wisdom to know what you should do, you should ask God, and he will give it to you.

Proverbs 28:26 (TLB)

A man is a fool to trust himself! But those who use God's wisdom are safe.

Ask:
WHAT DOES GOD WANT?
NOT, WHAT DO I WANT?

II. STEP TWO: GET THE FACTS

Proverbs 13:16 (NIV)

Every prudent man acts out of knowledge...

Proverbs 18:13 (TLB)

What a shame--yes, how stupid!--to decide before knowing the facts!

Ask:
WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

III. STEP THREE: ASK FOR ADVICE

Proverbs 24:6 TEV

"The more good advice you get, the more likely you are to win."

Proverbs 20:18 (TEV)

¹⁸ Get good advice and you will succeed...

Ask:
WHO CAN I TALK TO?

IV. STEP FOUR: CALCULATE THE COST

Proverbs 20:25 (NIV)

It is a trap for a man to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows.

Luke 14:28, 31 (NLT)

[28] “But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?”

[31] “Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him?”

Ask:
IS IT WORTH IT?

V. STEP FIVE: PREPARE FOR PROBLEMS

Proverbs 27:12 (TLB)

A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences.

Ask:
WHAT COULD GO WRONG?

VI. STEP SIX: FACE YOUR FEARS

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (TLB)

If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.

Romans 8:31 (NIV)

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Ask:
WHAT AM I AFRAID OF?