

Practical Theology

Decision Making

Part 1 of 3

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Why the topic of the biblical principles of *DECISION MAKING* is so important.

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Unbiblical methods of *DECISION MAKING* that are commonly taught or practiced in Christian society today.

- “The dot”

**This is a belief that within God’s moral will is His exact will for each person’s life.**

**The counsel from the book of Acts.**

**Scripture on God’s will  
Colossians 1.9**

**Proverbs 3.5-6**

**Romans 12.1-2**

**Real life examples**

- Feelings

**“I just feel a peace about it”**

**“I just know”  
“I’m being led by the Spirit”**

**Passages on being led by the Spirit  
Romans 8.14**

**Context: Romans 8.6-8, 13**

**Galatians 5.18**

**Context: Galatians 5.16-17**

**Feelings and signs are subjective**

**An example**

- Open doors / Closed doors
  
- “Putting out the fleece”
  
- “God told me..”
  
- The counsel of the ungodly

- Confidently seek truth in God's sufficient Word

**>>Obey God in all matters about which the Word speaks directly (commands, laws, truths) (John 15.10-11)**

**>>Consider the truths of the Word regarding the matter at hand and evaluate how they apply to this decision**

**>>Be confident God can equip you for every good work through the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3.16-17)**

**>>If you obey and apply the Word, He will bless whatever you do (James 1.25, Psalm 1.1-3)**

**>>Wisdom in the Bible is a life view that honors God as God and lives accordingly, choosing righteousness over sin (James 3.13-18, Galatians 5.16-25, Ephesians 5.15-17). God offers this wisdom to His children who ask for it in faith (James 1.5-6, Proverbs 1.2-7)**

**>>God provides guidance through godly believers (Proverbs 1.5, 13.20) and via life experiences (Hebrews 5.12-14, Luke 14.28-32).**

**>>If you are following the Scriptures with a clear conscience, be confident in God's love and involvement (Romans 8.28, Proverbs 16.9).**

- Evaluate my motives

- If more than one choice remains, I am free to choose

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The results of biblical *DECISION MAKING* are honoring to the Lord and a blessing to the believer.

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Practical help: here are specific biblical principles that apply to *DECISION MAKING* issues that Christians commonly face.

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