

Practical Theology

Decision Making

Part 3 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”
- Feelings
- Open doors / Closed doors
- “Putting out the fleece”

- “God told me..”

Biblical examples of God telling someone something

Judges 6: Gideon

Matthew 2.13-14: Joseph

Acts 8.26, 9.10-16, 12.7-10: Philip, Ananias, Peter

The era of the apostles

When you are told, “God told me...”, ask, “*How* did He speak?”

Does God need to speak to a Christian today regarding decisions?

**No.
2 Peter 1.3
2 Timothy 3.16-17
We have all we need.**

Danger: attributing words to God that He did not speak

- The counsel of the ungodly

Psalm 1.1

Romans 12.1-2

Examples

Work diligently to know what the Word says so you can make decisions fully influenced by It, easily detecting when the ideas of the world are false.

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The theology of the Bible reveals God's plan for *DECISION MAKING*.

- 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

Romans 4.15

Christians chose

1 Thessalonians 3.1-2

Philippians 2.25-26

Acts 6.2-4

Christians are to choose

1 Corinthians 6

Ephesians 5.15-16

Colossians 4.5

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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.