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- Who you are today is the product of the decisions you made in the past.
- Who you become tomorrow will be the result of the decisions you make today.

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GUIDELINES FOR DECISION MAKING

1. PRAY.

James 1:5 *Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him.*

2. GATHER FACTS. Nehemiah 2:11–15

- Define the decision as clearly as possible on paper.
- Gather as much information as necessary.
- List all available options.

3. CONSULT YOUR PRIORITIES.

Philippians 1:23–25 *I am pressured by both. I have the desire to depart and be with Christ—which is far better [for me]—²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith"*

4. REALIZE DESIRES

Psalms 37:4 *Take delight in the LORD, and He will give you your heart's desires.*

Philippians 2:13 *For it is God who is working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose.*

5. SEEK COUNSEL.

Proverbs 12:15 *A fool's way is right in his own eyes, but whoever listens to counsel is wise.*

Proverbs 13:10 *Arrogance leads to nothing but strife, but wisdom is gained by those who take advice.*

Proverbs 19:20 *Listen to counsel and receive instruction so that you may be wise later in life.*

Proverbs 11:14 *Without guidance, people fall, but with many counselors there is deliverance.*

6. LISTEN TO GOD.

1 Samuel 3:10 The LORD came, stood there, and called as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel responded, "Speak, for Your servant is listening."

John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me.

7. SUBMIT YOUR PLANS TO GOD.

James 4:13-16 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit."¹⁴ You don't even know what tomorrow will bring—what your life will be! For you are like smoke that appears for a little while, then vanishes.

¹⁵ Instead, you should say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ But as it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

8. MAKE THE DECISION.

- The wrong decision at the wrong time = disaster.
- The wrong decision at the right time = mistake.
- The right decision at the wrong time = problems.
- The right decision at the right time = success.

9. MAKE IT WORK.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

10. MAKE GOOD DECISIONS EVERYDAY.

Psalms 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD

TRUST GOD.

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[] Trust God for Salvation.

[] Trust God with everything.

[] Trust God for a particular situation or decision.