

# Making Big Decisions, God's Way

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**Sermon Text:** Proverb 3:1-12

**Big Idea:** All of life is a series of decisions large and small often made out of our own desires and inclinations. How we engage with God on these choices is a reflection of our depth of faith and has huge implications for our life. Trusting God in all things can be more than a platitude – it can be a way of life.

## Know God's Way (Proverbs 3:1-4)

God's teaching and ways should be etched in our hearts and minds. If we do this, then peace and blessings arise in this life. The resulting life reflecting love and faithfulness will be seen favorably by our fellow man and God Himself.

## Trust God's Way (Proverbs 3:5-8)

Trust and fear God, even shun evil, and do not depend on your own wisdom or understanding of any situation. In all things submit your authority to God and let Him direct and guide you to good results.

## Honor God's Way (Proverbs 3:9-12)

Honor God with your firstfruits, that is, your best output. You will be overwhelmed with good results. Know that God loves you like a child, so that any hardships may be like discipline and rebuke from a loving parent. Never forget that He loves you.

## Godly Decision Making

Given this guidance to redirect our lives to God's Way, consider the implications for making any decision in life. God has plans and wants us to play a role. We need to be prepared to step in and produce appropriately in obedience. Here are 3 heart, mind, and will responses to assure that God is directing all the details of our lives:

1. **Submit (Yourself and Your Options)** – submit and *present yourself as a living sacrifice. (Romans 12:1)* Be clear of any biases directing or holding you down. Consider praying *"God, I'm done. Let this decision be all about what You, God, want in my life; not my will, but Yours. I give it up to You."*
2. **Wait (for the Lord)** – wisely consider your options, wait, listen, even stop, before you leap and plunge forward with what looks or feels good. *I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. (Psalms 40:1)* Sometimes the right path comes with patience.
3. **Re-Submit (Your Options as a Sacrifice)** – after waiting and assessing options, re-submit them and yourself to God in humble sacrifice. *"God, I ultimately only want what You would have for me. Take my options and my selfish desires and lead me to the right path. Your will, not mine."*

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## Reflection Questions

Do you fully trust God for all the big and small choices and decision you face in your life? Do you depend on the thoughts and opinions of others? Do you depend on your own good analysis?

When facing difficult choices or a *fork in the road* consider the following steps ensuring God is in the middle of your decision making:

1. **Thank God** – Be grateful in all things (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Thank God and invite God into your situation.
2. **Determine your Choice Options** – Take wise consideration of your options. Reduce them into a few broad categories.
3. **Surrender them to God** – Take your alternatives and humbly lay them completely before God to do as He pleases.
4. **Conduct your Due Diligence** – Do the work to pray, study, research, consult others, etc., to best evaluate all options.
5. **Take Forward Steps** – Take proactive action steps in response to opportunities. God will open and shut doors.
6. **Repeat Steps 1-6 Daily** – This is actually for daily practice. Come to God in thankful prayer and surrender every day.

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