

God's Wisdom: Making Decisions Guided by Faith

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Christian Teachings to Strengthen Your Faith, By Melkisedeck Leon

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As Christians, we're called to live lives guided by God's wisdom. Life presents a constant stream of decisions, both large and small, that shape our paths. How can we ensure our choices align with God's plan? How do we seek His guidance in every decision? Let's explore this, drawing from biblical wisdom and the teachings of Jesus.

1. Recognizing God as the Source of Wisdom: Proverbs 2:6 states, "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Humility before God is paramount; acknowledging His wisdom surpasses our own is the foundational step.
2. The Power of Prayer: James 1:5 encourages us to ask God for wisdom, promising He'll generously provide it. When faced with a choice, dedicate time to prayer, seeking divine revelation and clarity.
3. The Bible: Our Guiding Light: Psalm 119:105 describes God's Word as "a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Regular Bible study and meditation align our thoughts and choices with God's wisdom, providing guidance and discernment.
4. Following Jesus' Example: John 5:19 reveals Jesus' dependence on His Father: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing." Like Jesus, we should seek God's guidance in all aspects of our lives.
5. Avoiding Self-Reliance: Proverbs 3:5-6 cautions against relying on our own understanding: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Surrender our own understanding and trust in God's wisdom.
6. Seeking Wise Counsel: Proverbs 15:22 highlights the value of counsel: "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." Surround yourself with fellow believers who can offer godly guidance and support.
7. The Importance of Patience: Isaiah 30:18 assures us of God's compassion: "Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!" Trust in God's timing; patience is crucial in seeking His wisdom.
8. Considering Long-Term Consequences: Proverbs 14:12 warns, "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death." God's wisdom helps us discern the true impact of our choices, considering their long-term ramifications.
9. Overcoming Anxiety: Philippians 4:6 encourages us: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Trust in God's provision of guidance and peace.
10. Subjugating Personal Desires: Matthew 26:39 illustrates Jesus' submission: "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as

you will." Align our desires with God's will, acknowledging His plans surpass our own.

11. Obedience to Divine Guidance: James 1:22 emphasizes action: "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." Having sought God's wisdom, act with faith and obedience.

12. Reflecting on Past Experiences: Psalm 77:11-12 encourages reflection: "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds." Remembering God's faithfulness strengthens our trust in His future guidance.

13. The Power of Community: Hebrews 10:24-25 emphasizes fellowship: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." A supportive Christian community is vital in seeking God's wisdom.

14. Embracing the Journey: Proverbs 2:3-5 describes the pursuit of wisdom: "indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God." The journey is worthwhile.

15. Love as the Guiding Principle: 1 Corinthians 13:13 reminds us: "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." Love should guide our decisions and actions, reflecting God's love for us and for others.

May God bless your journey in seeking His wisdom. May His guidance bring clarity and peace to your heart. Remember, you're not alone. Trust in His wisdom and plan for your life. Keep seeking His guidance, and may the joy of the Lord be your strength. Amen.
