

# Navigating the Tough Issues With God, Your Family, and Community

## “Making Tough Decisions”

Proverbs 3:1-12 & 1 Cor. 10:31-34

**READ Proverbs 3:1-12**

### HOW do you make big choices in your life?

**-What is your plan when you will face something big and need to decide between difficult choices?**

-At times, Scripture is crystal clear on what to do, how to act, which choice to make:

- **Then, there are Gray areas in life which Scripture does not particularly address. So what do you do????**

**= You have to lean on Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ ( =what reflects the Character of \_\_\_\_\_?)**

**= What do we know the Bible teaches that applies to \_\_\_\_\_ area of my life?**

1. **Consider** the \_\_\_\_\_ (decision) – Are there any revealed scriptures prohibiting it? If so, reject it immediately.  
- Obedience = peace (Ps. 116:16; Jn. 17:17; Mt. 4:4; 5:17-18)

2. **Consider** the \_\_\_\_\_: (*Every Choice You make will affect your: family, friends, future, fellowship w/ God*)

-Is my motivation Love?

-Could this bring \_\_\_\_\_ to me? My testimony? Could it harm others?

- Could this Cause Addiction?

(Romans 15:1-6; 1 Cor. 6:12; 10:23-25)

-What is my motivation in this decision?

We should include Kindness, Selflessness, Graciousness, Servant-heartedness in our decision-making:

3. **Compare** your choices to the very \_\_\_\_\_ of God; in which of the choices will God be most glorified?

- How will this choice promote blessings to others? How will it help me reflect God more faithfully?

4. **Commit** your \_\_\_\_\_ & your choice to God; trust God to supernaturally open/close “doors” where needed

-Can I trust that God is leading me to do this for His glory? (Romans 14:23)

5. **Count** on God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to **lead** you, correct you, and sustain you in God’s peace (John 14:27)

In discerning our next right move, we must be willing to be ruthlessly honest with ourselves. We must *suspect* ourselves; ask ourselves why we feel a particular course of action will be right, & be willing to yield to God’s voice & leading over our voice & desires! (Ps.37:4)

**READ 1 Cor. 10:31-33**

### **Life’s Three Ultimate Choices:**

- **Who you love:** (God or self)

- **How you live:** (Faith or Fear)

- **Where you die:** (in a state of regret or blessed exhaustion) = **legacy, Kingdom, Eternal Investment**

**Our choices have consequences which will reach to heaven.**