

GOD GRACE FOR 'SHOULD HAVE'S' AND 'IF ONLY'S'

Instagrace

THE STEPS TO GOOD DECISIONS MAKING:

1. **SEEK GOD'S WILL.**

Proverbs 3:5,6 – *“(5) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding: (6) In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”*

The greatest resource available to those in the valley of decision is the Lord.

2. **DECISIONS NEED THE COUNSEL OF PRAYER.**

Matthew 7:7 – *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”*

3. **DECISIONS NEED THE COUNSEL OF THE WORD.**

Psalms 37:23 – *“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way.”*

Psalms 119:11 – *“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”*

Psalms 119:105 – *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”*

Psalms 119:133 should be our prayer, *“Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.”*

4. **DECISIONS NEED THE COUNSEL OF WISE PEOPLE.**

Listen to the counsel of godly friends. In Exodus 18:19 Moses listened to the wise counsel of his father-in-law and it helped him bear the load he was under.

Proverbs 1:5 – *“A wise man {woman} will hear and increase learning. And a man {woman} of understanding will attain wise counsel.”*

Proverbs 12:15 – *“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.”*

Proverbs 19:20 – *“Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days.”*

5. **DECISIONS MUST NOT SEEK THE COUNSEL OF FEELINGS.**

Tranquil and calm today, tossed and driven tomorrow, feelings are as unsteady as the sea. The world is ran by people “who don't feel like it”; and pain is brought to many “who felt like they were doing the right thing.”

Galatians 3:11 – *“But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for the just shall live by faith.”*

When Jesus prayed in the garden, knowing that the “cup” of mankind's sin was to be His drink, he prayed, *“O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will”* (Matthew 26:39). “Not as I will” waves goodbye to feelings.

6. **BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE, CHECK THE DOOR.** Paul wanted to go certain places to preach, but the doors closed. Then, a door opened to go to Macedonia. Warning: picking locks or kicking down doors is not God's will. If the decision is open and free, enter with peace. If it is closed and uncertain, turn away with peace.

7. **WISE DECISION MAKING HAS LEARNED TO WAIT ON THE LORD.**

“But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint”. Isaiah 40:31

All wise decisions start and end with God.