



Allowing God's word to straighten your paths

*Does the Bible speak expressly to my options?
In principle?

*Who can help me evaluate the biblical position(s)?

*Am I interpreting the text accurately?

Remember this:

God's 'voice' will never affirm a decision
that contradicts his word.

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2. Could this decision jeopardize my reputation or my witness?

25:26 Like a trampled spring and a polluted well is a righteous man
who gives way before the wicked.

10:9 He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his
ways will be found out.

16:25 There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads
to death.

22:1 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be
esteemed is better than silver or gold.

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Protecting my reputation and promoting God's

*Are there clear prohibitions against one or more options?

*How may my choice affect how others choose to develop
their relationship with God?

Remember this:

My responsibility as a believer is to reflect
God's character in all decisions.

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3. Is the pressure of time leading me to make a premature decision?

19:2 Enthusiasm without knowledge is no good; haste makes
mistakes.

18:13 To answer a matter without first hearing is folly and shame.

21:5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to
poverty.

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Evaluating the timing of my options

*Am I normally impulsive? Deliberate?

*Do I fear missing out on the 'opportunity of a lifetime'?

Remember this:

When in doubt...LEAVE (HIM, HER, IT) OUT!

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4. How should my past experiences and behavior inform my decision?

26:11 Like a dog that returns to its vomit is a fool who repeats his
folly. YIKES!

17:10 A single rebuke does more for a person of understanding
than a hundred lashes on the back of a fool.

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Gaining wisdom from the stuff of life

*Do I have a pattern of thinking that triggers poor choices?
(Do I need assistance in unpacking?)

*Have I identified my 'wheelhouse of weakness'?

Remember this:

Good news, bad news: The best indicator of future behavior
is past behavior.

Good news for the bad news: The power to change
is freely available.

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5. What is the collective counsel of my community?

11:14 Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of
counselors there is victory.

18:1 He who separates himself seeks his own desire, he quarrels
against all sound wisdom.

27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of
an enemy.

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Valuing godly input

***Tendencies:**

- Am I open to having my mind changed <OR> Do I persuade, sell and justify till my 'pitch' is affirmed?
- Does my desire for godly input increase or decrease as I detect gaps in my reasoning?

Remember this:

Decisions made in isolation
rarely result in maximum benefit.

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