

THE BIBLE CONTAINS GOD'S WISDOM ON LIFE! HERE ARE SOME PLACES TO START:

On Marriage

Ephesians 5:21-30, Matthew 5:31-32, Matthew 19:3-9

On Work

Proverbs 16:3, Proverbs 15:22, Proverbs 21:5, Colossians 3:23-24

On Words

Proverbs 13:3, Proverbs 16:23, Proverbs 20:25, Proverbs 18:21, James 3:2-12

On Anger

Proverbs 15:1, Proverbs 29:11, Ecclesiastes 7:9, Ephesians 4:26, 31; Matthew 5:22

On Sexual Morality

Ephesians 5:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8. Proverbs 6:23-28, Proverbs 5:16-20

On Worry

Philippians 4:6-8. Luke 12:22-25, Matthew 6:25-34

On Your Riches in Christ

Ephesians 1:3-9, Romans 8:1-2, Romans 8:28-39, 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

On Peace with Others

Matthew 5:23-24, Romans 12:18, Romans 14:19, Colossians 3:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:13, Hebrews 12:14



WHEN I'M CONFUSED & NEED GUIDANCE

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3 ESV

"He **leads** me..."

How does God lead me?

Your **Word** is a lamp to **guide me**, and a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105 GN

- _____ from _____ : The Bible
- _____ from _____ : The Holy Spirit

Cautions:
Don't be guided by _____

God's _____ never contradicts God's _____

We should make our plans, **counting on God** to direct us.
Proverbs 16:9 LB

God never asks you to _____

He asks you to _____

What's impossible is a failsafe _____

What's possible is _____ in a failsafe _____

"...in paths of **righteousness**..."

Where does God lead me?

The **wisdom that comes from heaven** is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. James 3:17

God's will always has more to do with my _____ than my _____. (See James 3:14-15)

WHY DO I GET SO STRESSED ABOUT DECISION MAKING?

• I think God might _____

Jesus: "If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him." Matthew 7:11 NLT

• I think God's will _____

Everyone must **make up his own mind** as to how much to give. 2 Corinthians 9:7 NCV

If some unbeliever invites you to a meal **and you want to go**, eat whatever is put before you... 1 Corinthians 10:27

If anyone thinks he is acting improperly toward the young woman he is engaged to...**and he feels he ought to marry**, he should do **as he wants**. 1 Corinthians 7:36

"...for **His name's sake**."

Why does God lead me?

Jesus: "Our Father in heaven, **hallowed be your name**, your kingdom come, **your will be done**, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9b-10

Act in a way that people are _____

The most important decision I can make:

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. Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

RESOURCES USED IN PREPARATION OF THIS MESSAGE

- Rick Warren, "How to Be Led By God's Spirit" Sermon from Saddleback Church
- Philip Keller, A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23

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