

Making God-Honoring Decisions

How do I honor God in my day-to-day decision-making?

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.

—Proverbs 3:5-6 CSB

Good Decisions are made when we...

Fully trust God with the end result. (v. 5a)
“Trust in the LORD with all your heart...”

Lean on Biblical wisdom instead of human intellect. (V. 5b)
“...and do not rely on your own understanding...”

Realize God knows best. (V. 6)
“...in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.”

A Framework for Making God-Honoring Decisions

Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—dwell on these things.

—Philippians 4:8 CSB

True: Am I prayerfully grounding this decision in the truth of God’s Word?

Honorable: Is this in line with Godly character?

Just: Will this encourage and help others?

Pure: Are my thoughts, motives, and actions pure in this?

Lovely: Will this help build community?

Commendable: How will this affect my testimony?

Moral Excellence: Am I choosing best over good?

Praiseworthy: Who gets the credit—you or God?

Questions to Consider

How do you typically make decisions?

- ⇒ I tend to make decisions quickly.
- ⇒ I have a hard time being decisive.
- ⇒ If I could, I would avoid decision-making all together.

Why did you respond the way you did? Based on how you answered the question, do you think this is a positive characteristic about yourself or a negative one?

Read Philippians 4:8-9. How does this passage of Scripture help us in pursuing Jesus and make Christ-honoring decisions? Why is it so easy to trust what we know first before going to God's Word when making decisions?

Why is making good, Godly decisions, so crucial in the life of a Christ-follower? What does this show to someone not in Christ?