

HOW TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS
(Sermon Series on the Book James #4)

Introduction:

James 1:7-8 (TEV) "A person... unable to make up his mind and undecided in all he does, must not think he will receive anything from the Lord."

- What is really _____.
- Our decisions determine our _____.
- Our choices determine our _____.

FIVE STEPS IN BIBLICAL DECISION-MAKING

1. PRAY FOR _____.

Proverbs 28:26 (LB) "A man is foolish to trust himself. But those who use God's wisdom are safe."

Colossians 3:15 (TEV) "The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make."

- **FIRST QUESTION:** WWJD? _____?

2. GET THE _____.

Proverbs 13:16 (NIV) "Every prudent man acts out of knowledge."

Proverbs 18:13 (LB) "It is stupid to decide before the facts!"

Proverbs 24:6 (TEV) "The more advice you get, the more likely you are to win."

John 17: 6-8 (LB) "I have told these men all about you... For I have passed on to them the commands You gave Me."

- **SECOND QUESTION:** WDINTK? _____?

3. CALCULATE THE _____.

Proverbs 20:25 (NIV) "It is a trap for a man to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows."

- It is easier to _____, than it is to _____!
- **THIRD QUESTION:** IIVI? _____?

4. PREPARE FOR _____.

Proverbs 22:3 (LB) "A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them... The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences."

- Murphy's Law: If anything _____, it will.
- **FOURTH QUESTION: WCGW?** _____ ?

5. FACE _____ WITH _____.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (LB) "If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done."

- Fear causes _____.
- Perfectionism paralyzes _____.

John 12:32 (LB) "And when I am lifted up on the cross, I will draw everyone to Me. He said this to indicate how He was going to die."

CONCLUSION: SEVEN KEYS

- ⇨ Attend worship services every week.
- ⇨ Receive the Lord's Supper regularly.
- ⇨ Attend a Bible class/read Bible daily
- ⇨ Seek to discover and use my spiritual gifts.
- ⇨ Participate in ministry opportunities.
- ⇨ Give sacrificially, striving for a tithe.
- ⇨ Daily seek to help people connect with Jesus.