

# Should I?

## Decision Making Principles

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**What biblical principles should inform my decision?**

"For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding."

**PROVERBS 2:6; CF. PROVERBS 1:20-23**

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**Do I have all the facts?**

"He who gives an answer before he hears it is folly and shame to him."

**PROVERBS 18:13; CF PROVERBS 18:17)**

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**Is the pressure of time forcing me to make a premature decision?**

"Also it is not good for a person to be without knowledge, and he who makes haste with his feet errs."

**(PROVERBS 19:2; CF. PROVERBS 21:5)**

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**What are the possible motives driving my decision?**

"All the ways of a man are clear in his own sight, but the Lord weights the motives."

**(PROVERBS 16:2; CF. PROVERBS 20:9, PROVERBS 21:2)**



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**How should past experiences inform my decision?**

"Like a dog that returns to its vomit is a fool who repeats his folly."

**(PROVERBS 26:11; CF. PROVERBS 17:10)**

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**What is the collective counsel of my community?**

"Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in an abundance of counselors there is victory."

**(PROVERBS 11:14; CF. PROVERBS 12:15, PROVERBS 13:20, PROVERBS 15:22, PROVERBS 18:1-2)**

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**Have I honestly considered the warning signs?**

"He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, but he who forsakes reproof goes astray."

**(PROVERBS 10:17; CF. PROVERBS 16:25, PROVERBS 27:6)**

**8**

**Have I considered the possible outcomes for my course of action?**

"The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears is down with her own hands."

**PROVERBS 14:1; CF. PROVERBS 14:15, PROVERBS 27:12**

**9**

**Could this decision jeopardize my integrity or hinder my witness for the Lord?**

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

**PROVERBS 25:26; CF. PROVERBS 10:9, PROVERBS 20:7, PROVERBS 22:1**

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**Is there a better option that would allow me to make a greater impact for God's kingdom?**

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins souls."

**PROVERBS 11:30**

