

NAVIGATING THE GRAY AREAS

How should I process making wise decisions in gray areas where we are called to be faithful and we have freedom to make choices?

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What biblical principles should inform my decisions?

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.:" (Proverbs 2:6 Proverbs 1:20-23)

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Do I have all the facts?

"He who gives an answer before he hears, it is follow and shame to him." (Proverbs 18:13; 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; Proverbs 21:5)*

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What are the possible motives driving my decision? Money, power/influence, and freedom are common motivators for job transitions.

*"All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives."
(Proverbs 16:2, 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; 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; Proverbs 12:15; Proverbs 13:20; Proverbs 15:22; Proverbs 18:1-2)*

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Have I considered all the warning signs? Will it bring bondage?

*"He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, but he who forsakes reproof goes astray."
(Proverbs 10:17; Proverbs 16:25; Proverbs 27:6; 1 Corinthians 6:12)*

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

*"The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands."
(Proverbs 14:1, Proverbs 14:15; Proverbs 27:12)*

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

*"Like a tramples spring and a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked."
(Proverbs 25:26; Proverbs 10:9; Proverbs 20:7; Proverbs 22:1; Romans 14:23; James 4:17)*

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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; 1 Corinthians 10:31-33, Matthew 28:19-20)*

