Should I ____________?

Decisions have consequences, some good and some bad. The choice you make today may impact your life, or the lives of those around you, for years to come. That’s why it is important to make wise, biblically informed decisions.

Use this worksheet along with the book *Should I? A Decision-Making Guide* to help you think through any decisions you are facing and determine the best course of action. Print these pages and write down your answers to the questions from the book. Use your answers to help you make your final decision.

01. What Biblical Principles Should Inform My Decision?

1. What does the Bible say about your particular situation?
2. If the Bible does not explicitly speak to the decision you need to make, what principles can you draw from Scripture?
3. Who can help you better understand what the Bible says? Don’t be afraid to ask for help from leaders and friends in your church.

02. Do I Have All the Facts?

1. What pertinent facts do you need to consider?
2. What questions remain unanswered?
3. Who can help you better understand the facts of your situation?
### 03. Is the Pressure of Time Forcing Me to Make a Premature Decision?

1. Do you feel any pressure to make a quick decision?
2. What deadlines do you need to consider before making your decision?
3. What are the consequences if you wait to make your decision?

### 04. What Possible Motives Are Driving My Decision?

1. What are the possible motives driving your decision?
2. Describe your current emotional state. How might your emotions affect your decision-making?
3. Who can help you best discern any unhealthy motivations?

### 05. How Should Past Experiences Inform My Decision?

1. How are your past experiences relevant to your current situation?
2. What can you learn from your past experiences?
3. Ask someone who has known you for a long time (perhaps a parent, sibling, pastor, or friend) about any patterns they’ve seen in your life. What is their counsel?
06. What Is the Collective Counsel of My Community?

1. Who should you invite into your decision-making process?
2. Is there anything about your decision that you are hesitant or reluctant to share with others?
3. What is the collective counsel of your community?

07. Have I Honestly Considered the Warning Signs?

1. Do you tend to pay attention to warning signs or ignore them? Why?
2. What warnings from Scripture apply to your current situation?
3. What warning signs do you need to consider as you process this decision?

08. Have I Considered the Possible Outcomes for My Course of Action?

1. What are the possible outcomes for the decision you will make?
2. What contingency plans do you need to make?
3. Who else might your decision impact?
09. Could This Decision Jeopardize My Integrity or Hinder My Witness for the Lord?

1. Is there anything you are currently tempted to hide?
2. How might your decision influence other people's view of you?
3. Will your decision help you pass "the newspaper test"?

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10. Is There a Better Option That Would Allow Me to Make a Bigger Impact for God's Kingdom?

1. Do you believe the Lord is writing your story?
2. How might He providentially use you to accomplish His purposes?
3. Are you genuinely open to following the Lord's will and allowing Him to use you?

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Final Decision: