

Decision Making and Knowing God's Will Part 2

See *Decison Making and the Will of God* by Garry Friesen for more detail

Ephesians 5:15-17 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Proverbs, Matthew 10:16, Colossians 4:5, James 1:5

Examples of Paul using Wisdom: 1 Thess 3:1, Acts 15:38, Acts 20:16, Romans 1:13, 1 Cor 16:4-9:4, 2 Corinthians 1:15-24, 2 Cor 2:12-13

PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING THE WAY OF WISDOM/FREEDOM

1. Where God commands, we must obey (Moral Will)
2. Where there is no command, God gives us freedom (and responsibility) to choose.
3. Where there is no command, God gives us wisdom to choose.
4. When we have chosen what is moral and wise, we must trust the sovereign God to work all the details together for good (Sovereign Will)

Acquiring Wisdom

Never Forget: Who you are always comes before **what you do**.
Character is always more important than **circumstance**.



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Reverence Proverbs 9:10 **Teachableness** Prov 9:9
Diligence Proverbs 2:4-5 **Faith** James 1:5-8

Take the right approach

Pray for wisdom: James 1:5

Seek Wisdom from **the Word**. Psalms 119:97-98

Seek wisdom through **trustworthy people**. Prov 12:15,
15:22

Seek wisdom through **personal research**. Luke 14:28 &
Nehemiah 2:11-16

Seek wisdom from **life itself** Proverbs 6:6-9

Prayer of commitment and Trust Prov 3:6, 16:3, Rom 8:28

Wisdom considerations in decision-making

The Word

Psa 119:105

Common Sense

1 Tim 5:23

Prayer

James 1:5

Circumstances

Acts 8:1-5,

Desire

Psa 37:4

Need

Phil 2:4

Gifts & Abilities

Rom 12:6-8

Trust

Prov 3:5-6; Rom 8:28-29

Counsel

Prov 12:15

Peace

Isa 32:17

Love Limits Liberty!

1 Cor 6:12 and 10:23-24