

Reading: Proverbs 3:5,6

Topic: Choices & Decisions

INTRODUCTION: Our lives have times of making _____ and important _____, and we need to learn to ask for God's wisdom and guidance in all that we do.

I. WHEN NOT TO MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS:

A. When You Are Angry:

1. Many people have made _____ and acted while in a state of anger and then lived to regret that decision for the _____ of their lives because they were not thinking rationally. Numbers 20:7-12
2. When we are in a moment of anger, it is best to refrain from _____ decisions because they often will not be _____ ones. James 1:20; Eph. 4:26

B. When You Are Tired:

1. When we are very weary and tired, we often lack the ability to make _____ decisions and right choices because sound judgment is often impaired by a _____ mind and body. 2 Sam. 17:1,2
2. Fatigue has led to many _____ choices and bad decisions so as a wise child of God we need to get rested in mind and body so that we may _____ more clearly before an important decision. Is. 40:31

C. When You Are Very Discouraged:

1. When one becomes greatly discouraged, you can make very unsuitable _____, which may result in missing something that _____ has planned for your life. 1 Kings 19:4
2. The Children of Israel made a very bad decision in a time of _____ discouragement and as a result they totally missed the _____ that God had planned for them. Num. 14:1-4

II. HOW TO MAKE A PROPER DECISION:

A. Pray & Seek God:

1. Often people are in the habit of asking _____ from friends, counsellors, pastors, etc. but they do not consider the fact that God is very interested to help them with making important _____. Pr. 3:5,6
2. Prayer is the avenue through which we _____ God and while waiting in His presence, we can then receive direction and guidance for our choices and _____ that face us. Acts 13:1-3
3. Jesus Christ Himself spent a long season in _____ before choosing His twelve disciples, and if He needed to _____ about an important decision, how much more do we need to. Lk. 6:12,13

B. Surrender Our Will to God:

1. Sometimes people have already made up their _____ about some decision before they go to God in prayer with it hoping for God's approval, but this leaves out the potential of knowing and finding the real _____ of God.
2. When it comes to real desire to find and _____ the will of God for our decisions, we must come to the place where we pray, "Not my _____ but thine be done." Mt. 6:10
3. God Almighty knows what is _____ for us, even though we think that we do, therefore we need to pray to have the _____ of Christ whose thoughts are far above ours. Is. 55:8,9

III. FOLLOWING THROUGH:

A. From Knowing To Doing:

1. Once we have found the _____ of God in our decision making, we must move from just knowing the plan of God to _____ what God has planned for us to do. Lk. 11:28
2. There is always the danger if after knowing the _____ of God, that we may diminish our prayer life and lose the fervency to follow through on doing the actual plan that God has _____ out for us. Mt. 21:30

B. Patiently Waiting:

1. Once we do know the will and _____ of God in our decision making, we all like for things to move ahead quickly and we want to see the _____ opening and things coming to pass immediately. Hab 2:2,3
2. However, God has His own timing in His will being done, thus we must be patient and not _____ ahead of the Lord or we may end up _____ up the timing of what He has planned for us. Lam. 25,26
3. Remember that God is never _____, but He is always right on _____. Rom. 8:28

CONCLUSION: There is an old adage that states, "God gives the _____ to those who leave the choice with Him and when we do our decision-making God's way and not our way, we will receive His best for our _____."