



Talk it Over

PASTOR DAVE — PROVERBS — DECISION MAKING — 3/16/25

KEY SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:1-2

My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart.

2 If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying.

Proverbs 3:5-6

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.'

Proverbs 15:22

'Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.'

Proverbs 19:20

'Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life.'

Proverbs 4:7

Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.

Proverbs 19:21

You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail.'

Proverbs 20:24

The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?'

Proverbs 2:3-6

Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding." to help us when we need it most.

START TALKING

Pastor Dave talked about the idea of buy a car that breaks down the day after the warranty runs out. We have all been there. Right?

Share one of your worst shopping experiences?

START DISCUSSING

PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

Take some time to work through each step and discuss both, the reason for the step and why the step can be a challenge.

#1 - Study God's Word — Submission to God

Read Proverbs 3:1-2 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Discuss strategies for making Bible reading/study a permanent part of your life.

#2 - Develop a Heart for God — Submission of My Heart

Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalm 37:4

An idol is anything that we love, desire, or serve more than God; essentially anything that takes the place of God as the primary focus and priority in our lives.

What are some of the things that can become idols?

How do we conquer the idols of our heart?

#3 - Seek Wise Counsel — Submission of My Will

Read Proverbs 15:22 and 19:20

Jeremiah 17:9 is a frightening verse, my heart can deceive me.

It is easy to confuse my will with God's will.

How does seeking advice help me to think clearly about the decisions?

How do we decide who to ask for advice?

#4 - Apply Wisdom — Submission of My Thinking

Read Proverbs 4:7

Discuss the implications of a book of the Bible focused on wisdom.

How is wisdom different than obeying a specific command?

#5 - Trust God's Providence — Submission of My Plans

Read Proverbs 19:21 and 20:24

How do we learn to accept God's prevention of a good thing?

Read Rom. 1:13 & Acts 16:7 and discuss God's providence in Paul's life.

#6 - Prayerfully submitting to Him throughout the whole process

Read Proverbs 2:3-6 and Philippians 4:6-7

Discuss how principles 1-5 are applied in an atmosphere of prayer.

How does prayer protect my heart from disappointment when either God says "no" or I must say "no" to something my heart really wanted.