

**PROVERBS: WISDOM FOR LIFE
PART 4: MAKING GODLY DECISIONS**

Pastor Luke Uran – April 5, 2020



SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:1–8 (NIV)

My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
2 for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you peace and prosperity.
3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
4 Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and shun evil.
8 This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.

Wisdom is not what you know, it's how you live.

Three questions for making godly decisions:

1. What does God's Word say?

1 Samuel 15:17–19 (NIV)

17 Samuel said, "Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. 18 And he sent you on a mission, saying, 'Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.' 19 Why did you not obey the Lord? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord?"

2. What do godly people say?

1 Kings 12:6–7 (NIV)

6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who had served his father Solomon during his lifetime. “How would you advise me to answer these people?” he asked.

7 They replied, “If today you will be a servant to these people and serve them and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your servants.”

3. What does the Holy Spirit say?

Acts 15:28 (NIV)

28 It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us...

Three more questions, if the answer still isn't clear.

1. What is the wise decision given my past?

2. What is the wise decision given the present?

3. What is the wise decision given the future God desires for me?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Pastor Luke said that wisdom is applying what we know from scripture. Share a story of a time you had to apply what you know from scripture to how you choose to live. How did God bless that?

Who is a godly person in your life that you can trust to help you seek wisdom?

How does the Holy Spirit factor into gaining wisdom?

Share with your life group about a scenario right now where you need to look into the wisdom in your life from the past, present and future and how that can help you as you move forward.

How can our life group pray for you this week?