

**JAMES**  
"Decisions"  
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"We make our decisions and then our decisions make us." - Frank Borham

**You will typically make bad decisions if you're:**

- Hungry
- Angry
- Lonely
- Tired

**How to make the best decisions:**

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."* James 1:5 (NIV)

Step 1: Be honest

Step 2: Ask God

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."* Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)

God knows good decisions, based on His wisdom,  
are what helps us live out our highest potential.

Step 3: Trust God for the answer.

*"But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do."* James 1:6-8 (NLT)

**Ways God provides wisdom for our lives:**

1. Through God's Word
2. Through God's People

*"Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise."*  
Proverbs 19:20 (NIV)

3. Through God's Spirit

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”* Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

#### 4. Through God-vidence

*“I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me.”* 1 Corinthians 16:8-9 (NIV)

*“Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, “This is the way you should go,” whether to the right or to the left.”* Isaiah 30:21 (NLT)