

HOW TO KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 Timothy 3:14-15 Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

- In times when I don't know, I start with what I do know.
- Where I am certain helps my where I am uncertain.

II. FOUR THINGS I KNOW

1. I Know Who I Am.

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- I am God's child.
- I have a living God.

2 Timothy 4:16-18 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2. I Know What I Know.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- **God's Word equips us for life.**
- **What would God's Word say to me about this decision?**

3. I Know How I Live.

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- **Character over convenience.**
- **Scriptural over situational.**
- **Spirit-led over crowd-sourced.**

Psalms 25:21 May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you.

Proverbs 10:9 Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.

- **Is this a decision that I will not be ashamed of later?**

4. I Know Why I'm Here.

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- **God has entrusted you with intentional influence.**
- **We are here to lead others to Jesus.**