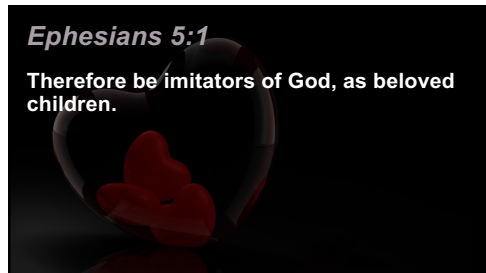
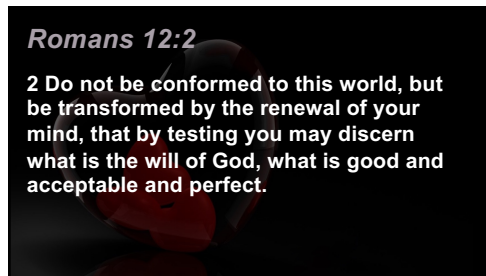




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Test
dokimázō, dok-im-ad'-zo; from G1384; to test, to approve:—allow, discern, examine, ✕ like, (ap-)prove, try.
Test the quality of metal

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1 Chronicles 17

1 Now when David lived in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord is under a tent." 2 And Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you."

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1 Chronicles 17

3 But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, 4 "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: It is not you who will build me a house to dwell in...

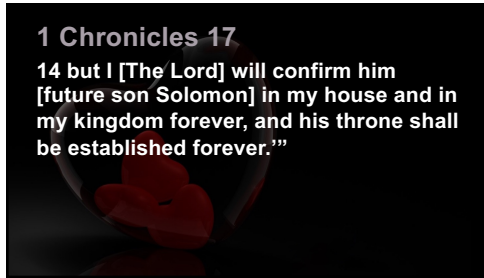
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11 I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever.

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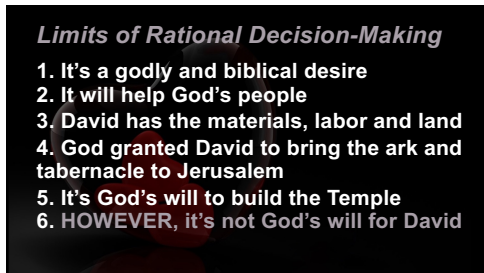
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14 but I [The Lord] will confirm him [future son Solomon] in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.”



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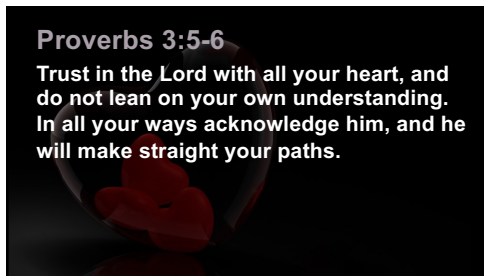
Limits of Rational Decision-Making

1. It's a godly and biblical desire
2. It will help God's people
3. David has the materials, labor and land
4. God granted David to bring the ark and tabernacle to Jerusalem
5. It's God's will to build the Temple
6. HOWEVER, it's not God's will for David



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Proverbs 3:5-6
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.



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Why Not Lean on Understanding?

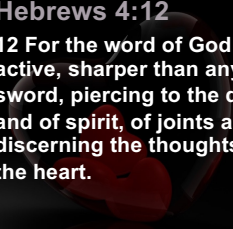
1. Limitations (inexperienced, finite)
2. Mind is influenced by passions
3. Mindsets (Inner Vows, Prejudice, Greed)



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Hebrews 4:12

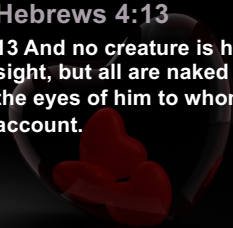
12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



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Hebrews 4:13

13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.



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Biblical Pattern
Humble yourself now → Be exalted later

David had faith to forgo his hearts desire [building the Temple] because of a promise that God would use David's son to build the Temple in the future and establish an eternal kingdom for David.

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1 Peter 5

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

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1 Chronicles 22:7-8

7 David said to Solomon, "My son, I had it in my heart to build a house to the name of the Lord my God. 8 But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood before me on the earth.

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Proverbs 20:5

The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.

KJV Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

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Decision-making Process

1. Write down the question and decision
2. Is it a biblical decision?
3. Catalogue emotions and soul condition
4. Give it time with prayer
5. Talk it over with decision-making team
6. Submit it to a truth-teller
7. Decide

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Nathan the Prophet

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| Redirect David Building Temple | 1 Chron 17 |
| Proclaim Son will Build Temple | 1 Chron 17 |
| Confronts David Adultery Bathsheba – Murder Uriah | 2 Sam 12:1-4 |
| Nathan Proclaims Birth of Solomon as Beloved by the Lord | 2 Samuel 12 |
| Changes Adonijah's rightful succession with Solomon | 1 Kings 1 |

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Drawing Out From the Heart

1. There are times the Lord will trouble (upset) my spirit and won't relent until I search out what he is saying to me. Sometimes its days and on rare occasions weeks when I'm troubled in my spirit
2. It's like you are in a crowded room and people are talking to each other and talking to you and someone comes over and grabs your shoulder and shakes you to get your attention because they have something important to tell you.

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2 Samuel 7:24-25

24 Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the Lord loved him 25 and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah,²⁵ because of the Lord.

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Matthew 6 KJV

9 Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

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Colossians 3:14-16 ESV

14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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Colossians 3:15 AMP

15 And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always].

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