

TAKE HOME SHEET



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List some decisions you are currently considering, both big and small. Think about areas like church involvement, work, school, family/relationships, finances, where you live, health, etc. These can be both big and small decisions. Take some time and really think about what these are.

Now look over the list and pick one or two that seem most impactful and ask these questions of yourself:

1. Why is this decision important to me?
2. Who am I most concerned about in evaluating my options?
3. Where (if I am being really honest) does God fit in my priorities on this?
4. What would someone who is fully devoted to Jesus do to make this decision?

In a quiet place, read aloud the following passage and ask God to help you realize that God has your best interests at heart – always!

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:15–20 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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The difference between wisdom and foolishness can often be traced to devotion.

To whom or what are my love and loyalty attached? Too often we are shopping for opinions to find one we like.

²¹ Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. ²² On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' ²³ But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.' ²⁴ Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.

Matthew 7:21–27 (NLT)

To be truly wise and able to make good decisions, the best source is the One who made and loves us.

¹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:1–2 (NLT)

Jesus will provide all we need to live full and impactful lives. All that is required of us is to choose to follow.

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