

The Valley of Decision

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Ten Steps for YOUR valleys of decision:

- 1) If the Bible gives a clear answer to your decision, STOP RIGHT THERE!
Just obey, there's no need to pray!
- 2) Spend time praying about the decision and listen for God's answers; they will always be in line with the Bible.
- 3) If you are seeking God and still unclear, fast. Give up food or something you really enjoy for a period of time in order to fill that time with additional prayer & seeking God.
- 4) Be open to the leading & guiding of God's Spirit living within you. Don't expect God to lead you in big ways unless you have first been faithful in responding to the little ones! (Joel 2:28, 29)
- 5) Does one of your options provide more internal peace than another?
That can be a great indicator of God's will for you. (Colossians 3:15)
- 6) If one of your options is clearly a better decision in terms of your God-given talents, abilities, & experiences – that may well highlight the way.
- 7) Think about how God has led you in the past; a pattern may be an indication of which way to go now.
- 8) Consider the circumstances surrounding your decision. Which of your choices best satisfies your desire for the change?

- 9) Discuss your choices with a few trusted, godly advisors AFTER you have taken adequate time to seek God FIRST. Usually the Holy Spirit uses other believers to CONFIRM what he is already telling us. (Proverbs 11:14)

- 10) If your desire to know the will of God has trumped your desire to know God, admit it to Him & start again. You will remain confused unless your RELATIONSHIP with Jesus is your first priority. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)