



Decision Making Guidelines

Principles from 1 Corinthians

Whether big or small, making godly decisions is key to following Christ in your daily life. Taken from 1 Corinthians chapters 6, 8, and 10, this resource can help you think through many aspects of making a decision. You may use this as a worksheet to fill out as you answer the questions.

The first step to making a decision is to pray: “God lead me and guide me. Purify my motives—get rid of any selfishness or unrighteousness within me. I want to serve you in anything and everything, putting you first. Help me open my heart and mind to the best way to think about this situation, even if it’s new to me.” Try to wait and listen to God’s voice throughout this process.

From 1 Corinthians, we can ask ourselves these questions:

1. Is it good for me?

1 Cor. 6:12a “Everything is permissible for me’—but not everything is beneficial.”

2. Can it control me?

1 Cor. 6:12b “Everything is permissible for me—but I will not be mastered by anything.”

a. Is it habit-forming?

What could the ripple effect of this choice be in my own life? What are the consequences of this choice? Is it beneficial?

3. Does it encourage someone to do something he thinks is wrong? Is it a stumbling block?

1 Cor. 8:12 “When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.”

Will my actions cause someone else to stumble? What would be the ripple effect of this decision on those around me?

4. Does it glorify God?

1 Cor. 10:31 “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

*What is my motive for what I do? Motives are **crucial** in decision-making—are you seeking to please God, or yourself?*

