

Making Great Decisions
How to Make Great Decisions

I. Introduction

- A. "Life is the sum of all your choices."
- B. You don't have to face decision-making on your own!
- C. I Kings 3:5 (NLT) *That night the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!"*
- D. I Kings 3:6-9 (NLT) *⁶Solomon replied, "You showed faithful love to your servant my father, David, because he was honest and true and faithful to you. And you have continued your faithful love to him today by giving him a son to sit on his throne. ⁷Now, O LORD my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn't know his way around. ⁸And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted! ⁹Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?"*
- E. I Kings 3:10-14 (NLT) *¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. ¹¹So God replied, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies—¹²I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! ¹³And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! ¹⁴And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life."*

II. How to Make Great Decisions

- A. Pray and ask God for wisdom!
 - 1. James 1:5 (NAS) *But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*
 - 2. God's primary will for your life is not the things you do! It's the person you become!
 - 3. God's primary will for your life is that you become a person with the character of Jesus!
- B. Pray for the right frame of mind.
 - 1. Philippians 4:7 (NAS) *And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*
- C. Consider the long-term consequences and values involved in the decision.
 - 1. Proverbs 19:2 (NLT) *Enthusiasm without knowledge is no good; haste makes mistakes.*
- D. Get wise counsel!
 - 1. Proverbs 12:15 (NAS) *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel.*
 - 2. I Kings 11:3 (NLT) *He had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines. And in fact, they did turn his heart away from the LORD.*
 - 3. The battle for wisdom is never over!
 - 4. We can mitigate our blind spots by asking other people for counsel.

E. Put your decision into action and trust God!

1. "Decidophobia"
2. Two styles of decision makers:
 - a. Maximizers
 - b. Satisfiers
3. II Timothy 1:7 (NAS) *For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.*
4. You have never made a decision so bad that God won't forgive you if you ask Him!
5. Luke 23:42 (NAS) *And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"*

III. Conclusion