

God's Remedy for Indecision

Stress Management - Part 2

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We write our life stories by the choices we make.

"There is no more miserable human being than one in whom nothing is habitual but indecision" - William James

PRINCIPLES FOR DECISION MAKING

1. Seek _____ from God.

James 1:5 - *"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."*

When we're faced with a confusing set of circumstances we have three options:

2. Seek God's wisdom _____.

James 1:6a - *"But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt..."*

Faith vs Presumption:

Faith: *"I believe God will grant me the wisdom to make the decision."*

Presumption: *"I believe God will make the decision for me."*

3. Avoid _____ yourself.

James 1:6b-8 - *"...The one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do."*

Luke 9:62 - *"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

4. Let the bible be your _____.

James 1:22-25 - *"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do."*

Three Principles for wise decision making:

A. Look _____ at it.

James 1:25a - *"But whoever **looks intently** into the perfect law..."*

"looks intently" = _____

B. Look intently at it on a _____ basis.

James 1:25 b - *"But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and **continues in it...**"*

"continues in it" - _____

C. Do _____.

James 1:25c - *"...Not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do."*