



# MAKING CHRIST-CENTERED DECISIONS





## 1. **Begin with Prayer**

**Prayerful Dependence:** Start every decision-making process with prayer, seeking God's wisdom above all (James 1:5). This is a crucial step that aligns your heart with God's desires and acknowledges your dependence on Him.

## 2. **Consult Scripture**

**Biblical Guidance:** For Christ-centered decisions, read and meditate over the word of God.

## 3. **Seek Godly Counsel**

**Community Wisdom:** Engage with your local church and trusted, mature Christians who are well-versed in the Scriptures. The local church community plays a vital role in the believer's life, especially in terms of counsel and support. These individuals can offer biblical insight and help you see different facets of your situation.

## 4. **Reflect on Christ's Example and Teaching**

**Christ as a Model:** Consider how Jesus might approach your situation. Reflect on His life, teachings, and how He made decisions. His example of obedience, love, humility, and reliance on the Father is paramount for guiding our actions and decisions.



## 5. **Examine Your Heart and Motives**

**Heart Orientation:** Scrutinize your motives in light of Scripture. Remember, a heart's desires shape behavior and decisions. Ensure your decision is not just outwardly compliant with Christian principles but also springs from a heart desiring to glorify God.

## 6. **Consider the Impact on Others**

**Love and Edification:** Evaluate how your decision will affect those around you. The law of love (1 Corinthians 13) and the principle of edification (Romans 14:19) should be central in your decision-making, aiming for what builds up others and furthers the gospel.

## 7. **Act in Faith**

**Confident Trust in God:** Make your decision with a faith that trusts in God's sovereignty and goodness. Decisions should be made not out of fear or anxiety but with confidence that God is in control and works all things for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

## 8. **Learn and Grow Regardless of the Outcome**

**Growth and Reflection:** Reflect on the outcome of your decision as a learning opportunity, regardless of whether it led to success or failure by worldly standards. Every decision is a chance to grow closer to Christ and to learn more about living in a way that reflects His love and truth. Remember you were created to bring God glory!