

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message: Go for It!
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So here is what we've discovered about how to make good decisions:

☐ **Go to God first.**

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.

Proverbs 9:10 (NLT)

☐ **Ask for His help.**

⁵ If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶ But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

James 1:5–8 (NLT)

☐ **Find out what the Bible has to say.**

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT)

☐ **Ask for insight and advice from wise followers of Christ.**

Refuse good advice and watch your plans fail; take good counsel and watch them succeed.

Proverbs 15:22 (MSG)

☐ **Be willing to make a painful choice if that is what is required.**

...if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it.

1 Peter 3:14 (NLT)

☐ **Trust God and do whatever you want!**

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 3:5–7 (NLT)

Now, think about a decision you are considering and use the checklist to guide you. This would be a good thing to do together with a friend. Parents, you can use this to help your kids learn, too!

We would like to hear what you learn. You can let us know by sending an email to info@newhope.org with the subject "decisions".

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

MSG – The Message

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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What we have looked at so far in our series:

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- Find out what the Bible says.
- Ask for insight and advice from wise followers of Christ.
- Be willing to make a painful choice if that is what is required.

*You can get the full messages for the series on the New Hope app or our website: newhope.org.

Checklist for Making Good Decisions

- ☐ Go to God first.
- ☐ Ask for His help.
- ☐ Find out what the Bible has to say.
- ☐ Ask for insight and advice from wise followers of Christ.
- ☐ Be willing to make a painful choice if that is what is required.

And the final item...

- ☐ Trust God and do whatever you want!

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Proverbs 3:5–7 (NLT)

⁴ Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires. ⁵ Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.

Psalms 37:4–5 (NLT)

If we are following the first five items in our checklist, we are in the perfect position to make decisions that will be the very best.

Sometimes God makes the best choice perfectly clear and other times He leaves it to our discernment.

He will do what is best for us so that we grow in our faith and show others the surpassing value of knowing and following Jesus.