



How Do You Know Which Way to Go?

Insights to
Making Good Decisions

Acts 16:6-10

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- **We've all got decisions before us...**
- **Choosing**
 -an opportunity
 -about relationships
 -about purchases
 -about health situations
 -about financial stuff

**How do you know the right choice?
How do you know which way to go?**



Acts 16:6-10

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- 7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.**
- 8 So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.**



Acts 16:6-10

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

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Faith Lesson

**Desire the will of God
and seek to know the
will of God.**

- I believe this was in Paul's heart and it helped him hear the LORD's voice.**



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Faith Lesson

**Remember how Jesus
taught us to pray?**

Our Father...



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Your will be done (on earth as it is in Heaven)

**This is to always be running in our
minds like our default operating
system.**

This is to always be on our lips.

**This is to always be churning in our
hearts.**



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Faith Lesson

Jesus: “not My will, but Yours be done”

**This is a bloody prayer. Something has
to die in order for something else to
live.**

- This is at the heart of a believer.
To please God and do His will.**





A Few Hindrances to Knowing God's Will

- **Sin distorts your judgment and keeps you from hearing correctly.**
 - Will even keep God from hearing.
- **Bitterness and unforgiveness defiles you and others and nothing good comes out of this.**



A Few Hindrances

- **Strife in your marriage is a big obstacle. (1 Peter 3:7)**
- **Having bad information is a problem. Our enemy is “the father of lies”, a master of deception, a silver-tongued devil**
 - **He specializes in lies, confusion, slander, strife, twisted words, etc.**
 - **There’s a snake in every garden.**

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Faith Lesson

**Desire the
will of God
and
seek to know
the will of God.**

(ask, seek, knock)



Synchronize

Our desires & plans must be synchronized with the LORD's plans.

- The WORD helps with this.
- Hear what the Spirit says.
- Follow our Shepherd's lead.
 - Be His sheep, not a goat.
- It's getting on the same page. It's getting on God's wavelength.



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Faith Lesson

When God says “NO”, stop!

- If God says “no” it’s because
He has something better in
mind.**

Acts 16:6-7*





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Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey



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Faith Lesson

**God is gracious enough
to say “No” at times.**

Psalm 37:23

**The steps of a good man
are ordered by the LORD**



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Faith Lesson

How does the LORD communicate His “NO”?

- **A word spoken**
- **A “check” in your spirit**
- **Opposition / persecution**
- **Circumstances**

“No” is your clue to keep looking for the “YES”.



Ephesians 3:20

**Now to Him who is able to do
exceedingly abundantly above
all that we ask or think**

- **Jesus is too wise to be wrong and
too loving to be unkind.**
- **Remember, you are talking to the
ONE who gave His life for you.**



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Faith Lesson

Sometimes God throws up the Yellow Light and says “SLOW DOWN”.

- **It's the caution light.**
- **Means to sharpen up, listen up.**
- **Humble yourself.**

This is when the LORD says, “wait”.



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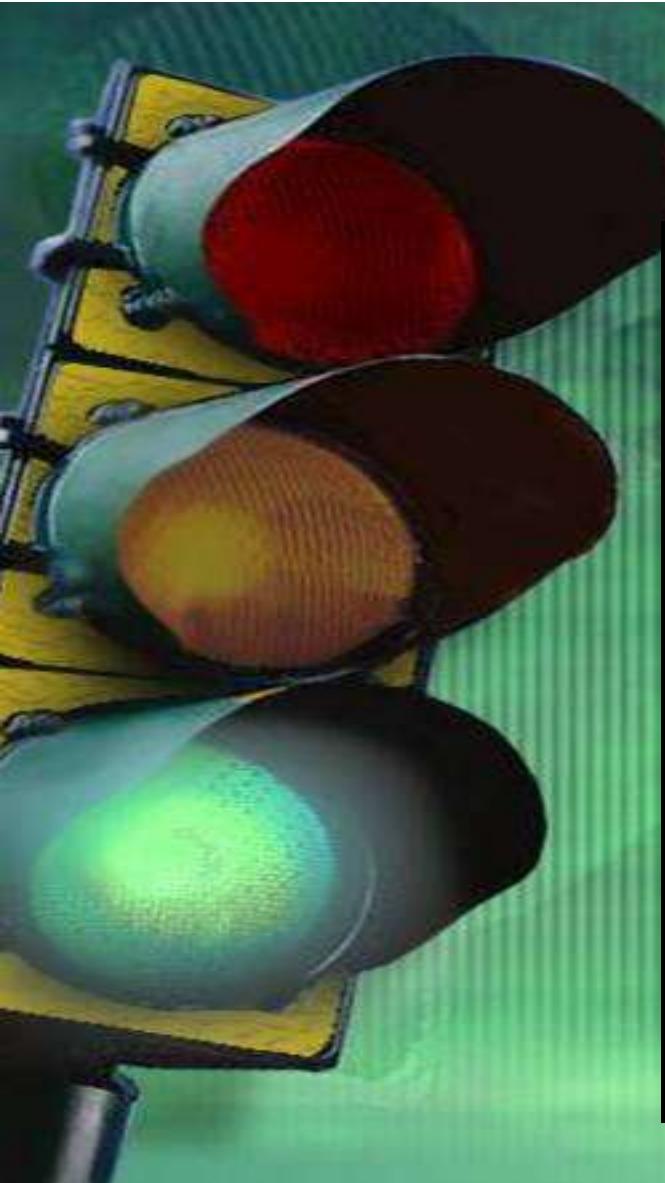
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Wait

- **Timing might not be right.**
- **Idea might not be right.**
- **Clarity might be needed.**

**Wait is your cue to
“intertwine” your life and
thoughts more closely
to Jesus.**





No

Slow

Go!



Acts 16:8-10

8 So passing by Mysia, **they came down to Troas (their waiting place).**

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Faith Lesson

**Notice what they
did when God's
“Yes” came.**

**“immediately we sought to
go to Macedonia”**

**Your obedience is more
important than you think.**



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**Notice how God's
“yes” or “go” came:**

A Vision

- **Dreams, visions, words of knowledge, intense urging, etc.**
- **You may or may not have supernatural signs, but have faith for them.**



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Faith Lesson

**Learn to walk
circumspectly.**



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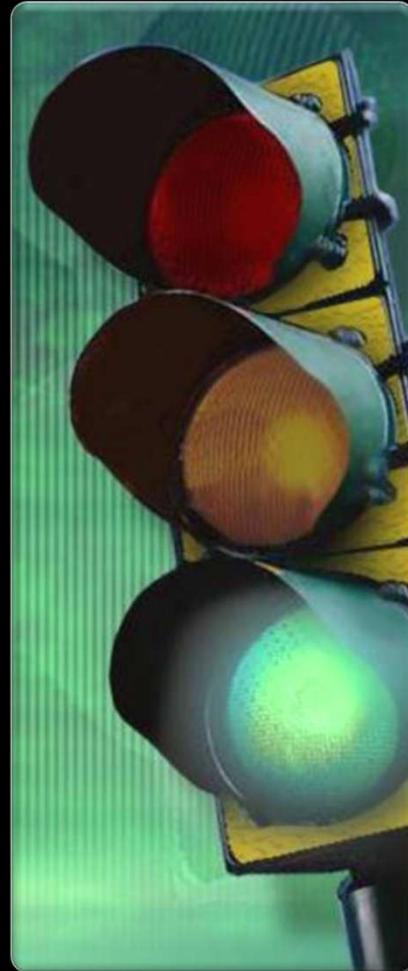
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Ephesians 5:15

**See then that you walk
circumspectly, not as
fools but as wise**

- **Circum = circle or all around**
- **Spect = to see, to look**

**To see in 360 degrees
Blind spots
How?**



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Faith Lesson

The Peace Factor

Colossians 3:15a

**And let the peace of God
rule in your hearts**

➤ **Rule = to act as an umpire,
to make the call**

Peace is a must.





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- No!
- Slow!
- Go!
- Walk circumspectly
- The Peace Factor

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Numbers 6:24-26

**24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;
25 The LORD make His face shine upon
you, and be gracious to you;
26 The LORD lift up His countenance
upon you, and give you peace."**