

“Every decision leads in a direction, and every direction leads to a destination.”  
(*Rev. Ron Mullings*)

How dependable is my decision-making process? (*Hebrews 5:11-14, Romans 12:2*)

## I. What Are My Principles?

“It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are.” (*Roy Disney*)

Principle says, “I do this because I believe that this is true, and I am acting on that belief.”

As disciples, our principles are built on God and His Word (*Isaiah 28:14-16, Ephesians 2:19-22*).

Beware of cultural deception (*2 Timothy 3:1-5*) and self-deception (*Jeremiah 10:23, 17:9*).

The LORD upholds those whose decisions follow His principles (*Psalms 37:23-24, 119:133*).

## II. What Is My Purpose in Life?

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, my first purpose is to serve Him and please Him.  
(*Colossians 1:9-10, 2 Corinthians 5:9-10*)

What purpose am I fulfilling for Jesus Christ?

When I know my purpose, I realize that just because I *can* do something doesn't mean that I *should*.

## III. What Are My Priorities?

Personal priorities ought to be based on life principles and my life purpose.

God blesses priorities, regardless of circumstance! (*Genesis 26:1-6, 12-14*)

Beware of confusion or distraction from pressure, fun, money, & pain.

“One of the evidences of emotional maturity is the ability, and willingness, to overcome short-lived feelings and govern our behavior with reason.” (*Dr. James Dobson*)

Intentional lives are the result of respected priorities.

**IV. Wise Decisions Are Saturated in Prayer**

Ask God for wisdom, trust He'll supply it, and stick with Him. (*James 1:5-8*)

“Right prayer” is prayer that empties my own motives and sincerely surrenders to God's direction. (*James 4:13-15, Matthew 26:39*)

When we don't do as God directs, we open ourselves to confusion and deception. (*2 Thessalonians 2:9-12*)

Has this decision been saturated in prayer?