

Am I Asking the Right Questions?

We are faced with choices every day. Decisions must be made on an hourly basis. And there is a great possibility for error, simply because we are human! In addition, many of the choices we face don't have an exact Bible chapter and verse for us to follow. Because of this, we must claim the promise of the provision of God's wisdom. James 1:5 says "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God...."

When it comes to decision-making, we can make our choices based on biblical principles—claiming God's promise to provide godly wisdom along the way. Here are four simple questions to ask yourself when faced with difficult decisions:

1. Does it Violate _____ of the Bible? Psalm 27:11; 119:105

There are some difficult passages in the Bible that require time in deep study to comprehend. However, most of the Bible is not this way. The most basic test of any decision is an honest look at what the Bible says. God wrote the Bible to communicate His person, His plan, and His principles for our lives.

The timeless wisdom of the Bible is still as relevant for the decisions we make today as it was thousands of years ago when it was first written.

2. Does it Violate _____ as the Temple of the Holy Spirit? 1 Cor. 6:19-20, Prov. 23:21

We are living in borrowed property. If you borrow a friend's car, you drive very carefully because that car does not belong to you. Someone else bought the vehicle, insured it, repaired it, and you get full benefit of it while it is loaned to you.

Our bodies were created and then purchased by God. We are just stewards of them on this earth. Stop and ask yourself, "Is this really how I should treat God's possession?"

3. Does it Cause _____ to Stumble? Romans 14:13

Some people live with the attitude "I can do anything I want if it doesn't hurt someone else," but the reality is that everything we do in some way influences others. Some things we do may not be sinful, but they can be a cause for another Christian to sin. Paul wrote that the strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak. It is the responsibility of the spiritually mature to live in a way that builds up those weaker in the faith.

4. Does it _____ God? 1 Cor. 10:31

We are usually very conscious of our reputations and appearances, but do we ask ourselves if our actions lift up the name of Jesus Christ? As we become more aware of the presence of God in our lives, our choices become much clearer.

Some decisions are big, and others are small, but they are all important. In order to get to our destinations, we must make sure the decisions we make keep us on the right road. May you follow the One who longs to give you direction in these decisions!

