

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Survivor Oregon #4

“Using The Bible To Make Decisions”

Proverbs 2:1-6,9 (NLT) ¹ My child, listen to me and treasure my instructions. ² Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. ³ Cry out for insight and understanding. ⁴ Search for them as you would for lost money or hidden treasure. ⁵ Then you will understand what it means to fear the LORD, and you will gain knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁹ Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will know how to find the right course of action every time.

Guidelines for making good decisions:

Question #1 – Does it _____?

Psalm 119:2-5 (NLT) ² Happy are those who obey his decrees and search for him with all their hearts. ³ They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths. ⁴ You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. ⁵ Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your principles!

• God's Word will _____

Psalm 119:105 (NIV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Question #2 – Do I care if _____?

Proverbs 10:9 (NIV) The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.

James 4:17 (NCV) Anyone who knows the right thing to do, but does not do it, is sinning.

Galatians 6:7 (NLT) Don't be misled. Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow!

Romans 14:14 (LB) If someone believes that something is wrong then he shouldn't do it because for him it is wrong.

Question #3 – Does it make me _____?

1 Corinthians 10:23 (NIV) “Everything is permissible”—but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible”—but not everything is constructive.

1 Corinthians 6:12 (NIV) “Everything is permissible for me”—but I will not be mastered by anything.

Question #4 – Does it _____?

Romans 14:12-13 (NLT) ¹² Yes, each of us will have to give a personal account to God. ¹³ So don't condemn each other anymore. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not put an obstacle in another Christian's path.

Romans 15:1-2 (NCV) We who are strong in faith should help the weak with their weaknesses, and not please only ourselves. ² Let each of us please our neighbors for their good, to help them be stronger in faith.

Question #5 – Does this have any _____?

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NCV) ¹⁵ So be very careful how you live. Do not live like those who are not wise, but live wisely. ¹⁶ Use every chance you have for doing good, because these are evil times. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish but learn what the Lord wants you to do.

January memory verse: Isaiah 40:31 (NIV) Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.