

Decision Making

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If all your life you've been warned about making bad decisions, fear can cause you to miss God-given opportunities. "For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?"

(1 COR 14:8) Now you're like the mule standing between two bales of hay; unable to decide which one to eat and afraid of making the wrong choice, you starve to death. You must act! Your need to do things perfectly and your desire to control every possible outcome will keep you stuck. So stop trying to please everybody. "The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe."

(PROVERBS 29:25) Once you know what brings you fulfillment, as long as it's God's will, chart your course accordingly and refuse to let the opinions of others stop you or color your view.

Remember, over time your goals can change. What's needed today may not be right for you a year from now. So reassess your plans regularly and be willing to change direction. "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."

(PROVERBS 16:9) When your spiritual gut says no, pay attention. When God is on your side, you'll prevail. It's normal to speculate about how you'd like things to turn out, but God alone controls the future. Just trust Him! Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

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