

B. Seek God in **prayer** about everything.

“5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;” James 1:5-7

IV. FOLLOW HIS DIRECTION (3:6b)

These six words, “And He shall direct your paths”, clearly and carefully **proclaims** that God will direct you.

A. God’s part is to **direct** you. Your part is to **obey**.

“8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

9 Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.” Psalm 32:8-9

B. Remember, God has a **future** and a **hope** for you.

“11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29:11-13

HOW TO MAKE GREAT DECISIONS

God’s Promise Of Divine Direction

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INTRODUCTION

A. How many times have you said to others and yourself, “I just don’t know what to do!” Let’s face it we all struggle at times with decision making. God promises you divine direction!

“5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

B. The How To Make Great Decisions teaching series will help you find divine direction and overcome the stress of decision making. It will show you God’s way to make great decisions that lead to increased joy and a brighter future. This seven part series features the following messages:

TODAY	God’s Promise Of Divine Direction
Oct 27	Decisions Today Determine Life Tomorrow
Nov 3	The Best Place To Get Guidance
Nov 10	Your Three Most Important Decisions
Nov 17	Guidelines For Great Decisions
Nov 24	Helping Your Children Make Great Decisions
Dec 1	What To Do After A Bad Decision

C. TEXT: Proverbs 3:5-6 (Pew Bible/Pg 617/Old Test.)

GOOGLE IS GREAT AT HELPING YOU MAKE GREAT DECISIONS, BUT GOD IS GREATER!

GOD'S PROMISE OF DIVINE DIRECTION

Myth: God's direction is **hard** to find.

I. **TRUST** IN THE LORD (3:5a)

The word "in" emphasizes that you are to trust in His **person**.

"7 Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD.

8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8

A. Trust in the **greatness** of God.

"12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance?

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has taught Him?

14 With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding?

15 Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, And are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing."

Isaiah 40:12-15

B. Trust in the **goodness** of God.

"8 Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

9 The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way." Psalm 25:8-9

II. DO NOT **RELY** ON YOUR UNDERSTANDING (3:5b)

The word "lean" means to be supported by so when it comes to making decisions you are not to **depend** on your knowledge.

"23 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;

24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD." Jeremiah 9:23-24

A. Is is **foolish** to rely on your own understanding.

"He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered."

Proverbs 28:26

B. Your understanding is **flawed** and **limited** by your sin nature.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

Jeremiah 17:9

"For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known."

I Corinthians 13:12

III. **SEEK** GOD ABOUT EVERYTHING (3:6a)

"All" means every **area** of life.

A. Everything you do is to be done for God's **glory**.

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

I Corinthians 10:31

"23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23-24