

BE A BRINGER


“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



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Your Three Most Important Decisions

Your Best Decisions Heed Wisdom from Others

The book of Proverbs repeatedly reminds us to seek godly counsel before deciding what to do.

For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers (Proverbs 11:14, NIV).

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise (Proverbs 12:15).

Pride leads to conflict; those who take advise are wise (Proverbs 13:10, NLT).

Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the multitude of counselors they are established (Proverbs 15:22).

Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days (Proverbs 19:20).

By wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors there is safety (Proverbs 24:6).

Your Best Decisions Take Time

Speaking of Proverbs, it teaches us another lesson about big-decision thinking: Whenever possible, take your time so you can mull over issues long enough to understand them. Proverbs 14:8 says, “The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way”. And Proverbs 14:15 says, “The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps”; (NIV). Proverbs 13:16 adds, “A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn’t ;(TLB).

Peter Drucker, founder of the Drucker Institute and esteemed leadership guru, wrote that effective executives are not overly impressed by speed in decision-making. In one of his books on leadership, Ted Engstrom advised: “Don’t make snap decisions. The spur-of-the-moment decisions are merely guesses . . . Before announcing a decision, it’s best to take a little time, sleep on it first. God may have other plans.”

Your Best Decisions Are Committed to God

Finally, big decisions must be committed to God. You and I have a lot of decisions to make every day. We’re fallible people, and we’ll make mistakes along the way. But when we earnestly base our decisions on our unseen values, pray over them, make them thoughtfully, base them on wise counsel, and commit them to God, He can bless them. If we make a wrong decision, He knows how to correct our paths or redeem our mistakes.

Source: “5 Principles for Biblical Decision Making” by David Jeremiah

KEY VERSE

Ephesians 5:17 (NKJV)

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ephesians 5:15-17; Colossians 1:9-14

Introduction

1. What is the most important decision you've made? How did you make the decision?
2. How do you determine what God's will is for your life?

Tuesday: Acts 16:29-34; Romans 10:9-13

Decision #1: Establish A Relationship With Christ

3. Do you have a relationship with Christ? If you don't, what are some reasons why? If you do have a relationship with Him, how did you meet Him?
4. How does your decision about Jesus affect all your other decisions?

Wednesday: John 15:1-17; Revelation 3:20

Decision #1 continued: Grow In Your Relationship with Christ

5. How would you rate your relationship with Christ? Is it growing or is it stagnant? Do you feel close to Him or far apart?
6. What do you do to grow in your relationship with Christ?

Thursday: II Corinthians 6:14; Proverbs 18:22; 21:9

Decision #2: Companion

7. If you are married, how did you decide that your spouse was the companion for you?
8. If you are single and desire to be married, what attributes are you looking for in a spouse? How will you make that decision?
9. What are some advantages to remaining single if you are single? If you are married what are some things you can do to invest in your relationship?

Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:13; Psalm 139:13-18; I Timothy 6:6-10

Decision #3: Career

10. Do you currently enjoy or endure your work? Why do you feel the way that you do?
11. If you have a career, how did you choose the line of work you are in? If you do not yet have a career, how will you decide what career path to choose?
12. What does it mean that you are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14)? How does the way God made you impact your career decisions?