

## How to Make Great Decisions

### A. Introduction

1. U.S. Army slogan, “Be all you can be,” applied. “Become all God wants you to be and do.”
2. God made you independent-dependent. You must depend on God in all decisions, because you are a creation made by the Creator. “So God created human beings in His own image” (Genesis 1:27, *NLT*).
3. God made you in His image and likeness, yet gave you responsibility to become like Him and do His perfect will.
4. God made you a complete creation, to become the greatest you can become, who expects your yieldedness and obedience to reach that goal. “The Lord . . . makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His image” (2 Corinthians 3:18, *NLT*).

### B. The Basis of Great Decisions Must:

1. Reflect the expectancy and commands of Scriptures. “Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet, and a light for my path” (Psalm 119:105, *NLT*).
2. Carry out the will of God in your life. If you are unyielded to God, you will fight God’s plan, but if you are yielded, you will desire to do it. “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster” (Jeremiah 29:11, *NLT*).
  - a. Know. “Know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ” (Romans 6:6, *NLT*).
  - b. Yielding. “Do not let sin control the way you live . . . instead give yourselves completely to God” (Romans 6:12, *NLT*).
  - c. Obey. “Now you do those things that lead to holiness” (Romans 6:22, *NLT*).
3. Prayer will guide you to better choices, “old stone face.”
4. Will be the best use of your spiritual gifts. “A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other” (1 Corinthians 12:7, *NLT*).
5. Will be guided by mature counsel of the godly. “Without wise leaders . . . failure . . . safety in having many advisers” (Proverbs 11:14, *NLT*).

6. Reflect your common sense. “We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps” (Proverbs 16:9, *NLT*).
7. To reflect opportunities or circumstances. “There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose Me” (1 Corinthians 16:9, *NLT*).
8. The will of God is found by active search with your whole person. Standing orders and daily orders. A sail boat’s direction is determine by the set of the sail, not the direction of the wind. “Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart’s desire” (Psalm 37:4, *NLT*).

### **C. So, What Should You Do Now**

1. Read. “Read . . . you will understand” (Ephesians 3:4, *NLT*).
2. Mediate. “Study this book . . . mediate on it . . . to obey” (Joshua 1:8, *NLT*).
3. Memorize. “I have hidden Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:11, *NLT*).