

B. It is the only **perfect** book (3:16a).
 The Bible is inspired (breathed out by God).
“20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” II Peter 1:20-21

C. It is the most **profitable** book (3:16b).
 The Bible will profit you in four areas:

- “**Doctrine**” – **What** is right.
- “**Reproof**” – What is **not** right.
- “**Correction**” – **How** to get right.
- “**Instruction In Righteousness**” – How to **stay** right.

“But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.” James 1:25

D. It is the most **perfecting** book (3:17).
 The Bible promotes spiritual growth and maturity.
“as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,” I Peter 2:2

III. LOOK IN THE BIBLE TO GUIDE YOUR DECISIONS
“Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105
 Remember, God’s will is revealed in God’s Word and God’s will never contradict God’s Word.

HOW TO MAKE GREAT DECISIONS
The Best Place To Get Guidance
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INTRODUCTION

A. Google is great at helping you make great decisions, but God is greater! 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:

Oct 20	God’s Promise Of Divine Direction
Oct 27	Decisions Today Determine Life Tomorrow
TODAY	The Best Place To Get Guidance
Nov 10	Guidelines For Great Decisions
Nov 17	Your Three Most Important Decisions
Nov 24	Helping Your Children Make Great Decisions
Dec 1	What To Do After A Bad Decision

C. Text: Psalm 119:97-105 (Pew Bible/Page 601/Old Test.)

The writer of this passage gives testimony to the reliability of the Bible in getting guidance.

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THE BEST PLACE TO GET GUIDANCE

I. FIVE UNRELIABLE SOURCES OF GUIDANCE

A. Don't rely on culture.

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2

B. Don't rely on ungodly counsel.

“Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;” Psalm 1:1

C. Don't rely on circumstances.

*“1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.”
3 But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.”* Jonah 1:1-3

D. Don't rely on counterfeits.

*“10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,
11 or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.
12 For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you.”* Deuteronomy 18:10-12

E. Don't rely on conscience.

“To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.” Titus 1:15

II. THE BIBLE IS THE ONLY RELIABLE SOURCE OF GUIDANCE

*“1 My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you,
2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding;”* Proverbs 2:1-2

Four Reasons Why The Bible Is The Only Reliable Source Of Guidance

*“14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,
15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”* II Timothy 3:14-17

A. It is the only providential book (3:15). The Bible shows how to be saved.

“but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:31