

III. **START** MAKING GREAT DECISIONS (Psalm 51:1-19)

Four Steps Of Correction

A. **Remember** God's mercy (51:1).

"For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You."

Psalm 86:5

B. **Repent** of your sin to God (51:2-9).

"Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner,..."

II Corinthians 7:9a

C. **Return** completely to the Holy Spirit (51:10-12).

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

Ephesians 4:30

D. **Rejoice** in your renewed service for God (51:13-19).

"20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work."

II Timothy 2:20-21

HOW TO MAKE GREAT DECISIONS

What To Do After A Bad Decision

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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
Nov 3	The Best Place To Get Guidance
Nov 10	Guidelines For Great Decisions
Nov 17	Your Three Most Important Decisions
TODAY	Helping Your Children Make Great Decisions
Dec 1	What To Do After A Bad Decision

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- C. **Text:** Psalm 51:1-19 (Pew Bible/Page 555/Old Test.)

WHAT TO DO AFTER A BAD DECISION

I. **REALIZE** EVERYONE MAKES BAD DECISIONS (II Samuel 11:1-27)

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”
Romans 3:23

David’s Three Bad Decisions With Bathsheba

A. David decided to **stay home** when he should have been leading his troops in battle (11:1).
“not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;”
Romans 12:11

B. David decided to **sexually sin** when he should have abstained from sex (11:2-4).
“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”
Hebrews 13:4

C. David decided to **sneak around** when he should have confessed his sin (12:5-27).
“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”
Proverbs 28:13

Bottom Line: II Samuel 11:27

“And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.”

II. **LISTEN** TO PEOPLE WHO CONFRONT YOU ABOUT YOUR BAD DECISIONS (II Samuel 12:1-23)

How To Confront Someone That Is Making Bad Decisions

A. **Ask** God if you are the right one to address the issue (12:1a).

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”
Galatians 6:1

B. **Address** the issue in person (12:1b).

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.”
Matthew 18:15

C. **Approach** the person wisely (12:1c-12).

“but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—”
Ephesians 4:15

D. **Assure** them of God’s forgiveness (12:13).

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
I John 1:9

E. **Accept** that you may not be able to rescue them from the consequences (12:14-23).

“Good understanding gains favor, But the way of the unfaithful is hard.”
Proverbs 13:15

You can choose your **sin**, but you can’t choose your **consequences**.