

“STRONG FAMILIES RAISE GOOD DECISION-MAKERS”

Proverbs 4:1-9

Every day we make hundreds of decisions. Many are insignificant, but some are life-changing. Ultimately, our lives are shaped by the decisions we make. Even deciding not to decide is a decision! In healthy families, children learn how to make good decisions. Today, we discover God’s recipe for a family that raises good decision-makers.

1. Determine To Live God’s Way.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1,2

“All a man’s ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.”
Proverbs 16:2

2. Decide To Ask For God’s Wisdom

“Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor.” Proverbs 4:5-9

Intelligence = knowing about things

Wisdom = knowing what to do in life

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” James 1:5

3. Delight In Doing God’s Will

“Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4

* The key: “guidability”

Steps to God’s will:

- Search the Scriptures
- Seek God in prayer
- Secure godly counsel

- Study the circumstances
- Step out in faith
- Stick to your decision & leave the results to God!

CONCLUSION

“The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.” Proverbs 16:33

He will direct those who trust Him!

PRIMARY RESOURCES USED FOR THIS SERMON:

“Making Good Decisions” Author Unknown

“Dice in the Prayer Meeting: Making Tough Decisions with God’s Help” by Ray Pritchard