

## Ten 'PR' Questions to Ask Before I Make a Choice

1. Will this be PRAISEWORTHY from God's angle?
2. What could this ultimately PRODUCE in my life?
3. Could this conflict with any Bible PRINCIPLES?
4. Does it violate any Bible PROHIBITION?
5. Is this consistent with my PROFESSION?
6. Am I making PROVISION for my flesh or for the Lord?
7. Could this set a PRECEDENT for the future?
8. Will this help to PRESERVE me as a Christian?
9. Will it help me to PROSPER as a believer?
10. What PROBLEMS could this lead to in the future for me, my family or for others?

## KNOWING GOD'S WILL

### Reading

We learn what God likes and dislikes by reading His Word. Ps.32:8, Prov.3:5-6

### Praying

Ask God for direction and tell Him you cannot trust your own heart. 1John 3:21

### Yielding

Jesus said: "Not my will." Read about surrendering in Romans 12:1-2

### Listening

Proverbs has much to say about consulting wise people.

### Thinking

God gave you your mind. Use it. Ask yourself the tough questions. Weigh the pros and cons on God's scales.

### Waiting

God values patience. Resist the temptation to act impulsively. Wait until God gives you heart-peace. Col.3:15

### Doing

While you wait for more guidance, make sure you don't stop doing all that He has already given you to do.

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# Choices & Decisions

## Christian Decision Making



# Decisions about Questionable Matters

## Does the Bible say it is wrong?

John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me."

1 Samuel 15:22 "Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed (listen) than the fat of rams."

## Is it to please myself or the Lord?

John 8:29 Our Pattern said: "I do always those things that please Him."

## Could it hurt or harm my body?

1 Corinthians 6:19 "What? Do you not know that *your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you*, whom you have from God and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

## Could it hurt, damage or defile my mind?

Philippians 4:8 "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

## Will it enslave me, trap me or trip me up?

1 Corinthians 6:12 "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. (no advantage or no profit): all things are lawful for me but *I will not be brought under the power of any (I will not be dominated by anything.)*.

## Is it good stewardship?

1 Corinthians 4:2 "Moreover it is required in *stewards (manager)* that one be found faithful."

## Will it glorify God?

1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whether therefore you eat or drink or whatever you do, do *all to the glory of God.*"  
Philippians 1:20 "Paul said: ...that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all courage, as always, so now also *Christ shall be magnified (honored) in my body...*"

## Will it profit and edify others?

Hebrews 10:24 "Let us consider one another to stir up love and good works." 1 Corinthians 10:33 "Paul said: even as I please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved."

## Will it help me to serve the Lord better? Will it help to preserve me and help me to prosper as a Christian?

1 Corinthians 9:19 "For though I am free from all men, yet have I made myself *a servant* to all, that I might win more of them." 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 "All things are lawful for me, but not *all things are helpful*; all things are lawful for me, *but not all things edify* (build-up). Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbour."

## Is it worth imitating?

1 Corinthians 11:1 "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." Paul was trying to be an example to other believers. I have followers too. Philippians 4:9 "The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do: and the God of peace will be with you."

## Could it cause others to stumble?

1 Corinthians 8:9 "But beware lest this liberty of yours become a *stumbling block to those who are weak.*"  
Romans 14:21 "It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother *stumbles or is offended or is made weak.*"

## Will it help my light to shine brighter in a dark world?

Matthew 5:16 "*Let your light SO shine* before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."

## Is it the best?

Philippians 1:9-10 "And this I pray that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment; that you *may approve the things that are excellent*; that you may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ."

## Will my Owner be happy with my choice?

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## Is this about Me or My God?

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**The Bottom Line is:  
Will it please my Owner?**