

May 17 / Sunday

Facing Decisions

Read [1 Samuel 28:3-20](#)



18 / Mon – What a gift! | Read [Joshua 24:14-15](#)

Isn't it amazing that the all-powerful, all-knowing and sovereign God would give his created human beings the precious gift of free will, knowing they could use it to ultimately reject Him? Read the choice facing God's people. Now bring this question forward to the present. It is the most important question you will ever answer, a prerequisite for every other decision you will make. Could there be other 'gods' in your life, interests that the devil is using to lure you away from the Lord?

19 / Tue – Decision-making goal | Read [Matthew 6:25-34](#)

Does it surprise you that God knows and cares about every concern? Like many people, you might be tempted to ask for God's help *only* for big decisions. But if you are genuinely motivated to see God's kingdom come in the world at large, it will start with you right now, today. What are the ways you can *seek first God's kingdom* and make choices that advance His plan? When honoring Him is the goal of all your decisions, everything else you need will be provided.

20 / Wed – Maybe unfair but true | Read [1 Corinthians 10:31](#)

Like it or not, people will judge God by the way you live, the decisions you make, the attitudes you display. That is a sobering thought. When a person truly loves the Lord, they will want others to think highly of Him, and be interested in getting to know Him too. How can you be more consistent in representing the Lord well? You could start by following Paul's advice to the Corinthians but be sure to remember, in all things, it's not just *what* you do but *how* you do it (Romans 14:17).

21 / Thu – Two good options | Read [Exodus 18:13-24](#)

There are times when either of your options might be right. But is one of them a *wiser* choice? Moses was doing God's work but his method was not sustainable. Jethro, his godly father-in-law, suggested a wiser use of Moses' time, while still achieving the same result. Pastor Andy Stanley offers an interesting question to consider: *in light of your past experience, your present situation, and your future hopes and dreams, what is the wisest choice right now?*

22 / Fri – Look before you leap | Read [Joshua 9:1-16](#)

Joshua, the leader who succeeded Moses, learned some hard lessons early on. One example is: *appearances can be deceiving*. Joshua's stunning victories and fear of the Israelites' powerful God caused one group of people to hatch a plan to deceive Joshua into making a peace covenant with them. What was the most important thing Joshua and his advisors failed to do before executing their irrevocable decision (see v. 14-16)? What can you learn from their experience?

23 / Sat – Consider this | Read [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

When your choice brings negative results, does it mean you made the wrong decision? No, not necessarily. If you took time, on the front end, to ask the Lord what He wants and you listened for His answer from scripture or those you trust or that sense of peace the Holy Spirit gives when you are heading in the right direction, you made the right decision. Don't waste time second-guessing yourself (v.5b). Instead, consider that the devil may be tempting you to settle for something less than God's best, which is still on its way. Don't fall for it. Stand on the promise (v.6b).