

Knowing What to Do

Scripture Reading — Proverbs 3:1-12

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. — Proverbs 3:5-6

Each of us has probably already made many decisions today. And for the rest of the day, we'll continue to make conscious and not-so conscious decisions. The choices we make say something about who we are and whom we serve. Is life "all about me," or am I aware that what I do is really my response to my Creator and Provider?

We read, "In all your ways submit to him." That calls for trusting that God's ways are good, and that following them leads to living life to the full, as God intends for us.

When Joshua challenged Israel, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15), he knew that his decision to serve the Lord shaped all his other decisions. When we trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, all our other decisions are based on obeying his teachings, not relying on our own understanding. Guided by the Holy Spirit and God's Word, we know what to do. We know that God's Spirit will not tell us to do what God's Word says we may not. And obedience leads to being on the right path, whatever the cost.

Knowing what to do comes more readily with a whole-hearted commitment to serving Jesus. Then, like Jesus, we'll be focused on our calling to be disciples who make decisions based on knowing God's will.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for being the example of living obediently. Empower us with your Spirit to make decisions based on your Word. In your name, Amen.

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