

PERSONAL REFLECTION PAGE

REFLECTION QUESTION

READ Proverbs 16:1-9. As Christians, we are to balance “*planning carefully*” with “*trusting God’s sovereignty*.” To this end, what insights are revealed in Proverbs 16?

PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEKLY BIBLE READING PLAN

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In the **READ SCRIPTURE** app, be sure to set your start date for January 1, 2025

November 9: 2 Corinthians 9-10 | Psalm 3

November 10: 2 Corinthians 11-13 | Psalm 4

November 11: Galatians 1-2 | Psalm 5

November 12: Galatians 3-4 | Psalm 6

November 13: Galatians 5-6 | Psalm 7

November 14: Ephesians 1-2 | Psalm 8

November 15: Ephesians 3-4 | Psalm 9

Modern Problems // Ancient Solutions

Proverbs 3: 1 - 6

How to Make Wise Decisions

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Wise decision making, means fully trusting in the _____ of God - that through His _____ and _____, He will guide us to the perfect places in life.

When it comes to the decisions we make,
we have a _____, not a _____ role.

1. Wise decisions start in _____

Proverbs 3:6, Genesis 4:1, Psalm 139:23-24

2. Wise decisions flow from _____ God’s instructions.

Proverbs 3:7, Proverbs 3:1, Ephesians 5:15-17, Psalm 119:105

3. Wise decisions are explored through _____

Proverbs 3:5b, Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 16:2, Proverbs 28:26, Jeremiah 17:9

4. Wise decisions are rooted in _____

Proverbs 3:5a, Psalm 37:3-5

Twin Pitfall of Human Choice #1:

ALL LIFE’S CHOICES, _____ ON ME!

Twin Pitfall of Human Choice #2:

OUR CHOICES ARE _____!

When it comes to the decisions we make, we ultimately see that
God has a _____, and not just a _____ role.

Genesis 50:19-20



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LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What was the easiest (big) decision you've made?
2. What was the hardest decision you've had to make?

QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. This weekend, Pastor Adam talked about the twin pitfalls of human choice: "*All lives choices ride on me*" and "*Our choices are meaningless.*" Which area do you tend to lean towards? How are those areas distractions and distortions of God's Sovereignty?

READ SCRIPTURE

READ Proverbs 3:1-8

1. How does this passage highlight God's presence in our world?
2. What does this passage say about our broken human condition?
3. How does this passage call me to make change in my life?

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DIGGING DEEPER

1. READ Proverbs 3:1-6. In past decisions, both big and small, how have you heard from the Lord, His direction for your life? How did that scenario play out?

• **READ Jeremiah 17:5-8.** Thinking about that same decision, were you tempted to make your own choice outside of God's leading? Why or why not?

2. READ Proverbs 3:19-26. When it comes to making decisions in life, what dangers do you think arise when we trust our own understanding, but forget that God is ultimately in control?

• **READ Philippians 4:4-9.** What rhythms or habits help you experience God's guidance in your everyday decisions?

3. READ Proverbs 3:27-35. Observe how Solomon contrasts *how we treat others* (5 "*do not*" statements, vs. 27-31) to how *God responds to such people* (4 evil/good statements, vs. 32-35). What do you notice to be the difference?

• **READ Proverbs 3:32-35.** Look again at the positive statements in these verses. In the daily decisions we make, what do you see the Lord inviting us to consider? What patterns might you need to change, as you face tomorrow's choices?

TAKING IT HOME

READ Genesis 50:20, Proverbs 16:9, Romans 8:28, Ephesians 1:11, & Philippians 2:12-13. God works through all things. How do these verses frame the way we ought to think about outcomes that do not go as planned? How does this affect our comfort and assurance of the Lord's nearness and provision?

