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How can I make wise decisions?

What difficult decision
are you facing now?

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3 Steps

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Daniel 4:35 NLT All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him. He does as he pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop him or say to him, 'What do you mean by doing these things?'

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Proverbs 16:33 NLT We may throw the dice,
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You cannot put God in control of your decisions, without first deciding to receive Jesus and His gift of life.

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**HOW does partnering with God work
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Proverbs 28:9 NIV If anyone turns a deaf ear to **My instruction**, even their prayers are detestable.

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Proverbs 29:18 NIV Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but **blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.**

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**What about all the decisions about things
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Proverbs 21:1 NLT The king's heart is like
a stream of water directed by the LORD;
he guides it wherever he pleases.

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Philippians 2:13 NLT For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

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2 Corinthians 8:16 NIV Thanks be to God,
who put into the heart of Titus the same
concern I have for you.

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**1 Thessalonians 5:19 NLT Do not stifle the
Holy Spirit.**

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James 1:5-6 NKJ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

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Proverbs 25:2 NLT It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them.

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2 Timothy 1:7 NKJ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

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Prov. 14:15 ESV The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps.

Prov. 15:28 NLT The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking; the mouth of the wicked overflows with evil words.

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Prov. 20:25 NLT The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Prov. 22:3 NLT A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

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Prov 15:22 NLT Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.

Prov 11:14 NKJ Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

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Prov 12:15 NLT Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.

Prov 20:5 NLT Though good advice lies deep within the heart, a person with understanding will draw it out.

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RESPONSES

1. Value Proverbs and commit to reading and reflecting on proverbs often.
2. Put God in charge of your decisions.
3. Decide to master God's revealed will daily.
4. Listen for God's promptings.
5. Think and plan well.
6. Ask others for advice.
7. Welcome criticism.

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WISDOM