

Decision-Making Bible Study

Objective: This study explores the principles of decision-making within a biblical context, highlighting how to align personal choices with God's will. It encourages participants to develop discernment, seek divine guidance, and understand the outcomes of their decisions through a study of scripture.

Key Components

Science (S): The Psychology of Decision-Making

Objective:

- Understand the role of cognitive biases in decision-making and how to mitigate their effects.

Scripture Focus: *Romans 12:2 (NIV)*

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

- **Reflection:** How can understanding the psychological aspects of decision-making help us make choices that are more aligned with God's will?

Technology (S): Tools for Enhancing Decision-Making

Objective:

- Discuss modern tools and resources that can aid in making informed decisions, such as apps for Bible study, prayer journals, and online counseling or mentorship platforms.

Scripture Focus: *Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)*

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

- **Reflection:** In what ways can technology support our plans in our decision-making process, and how do

<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate the effectiveness of digital tools in enhancing spiritual discernment and biblical understanding.	<p>we ensure it aligns with God's guidance?</p>
<p>Engineering (E): Building a Framework for Biblical Decision-Making</p> <p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Explore how constructing a solid decision-making framework based on biblical principles can guide us in various life choices. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss the importance of a strong foundation in faith when facing difficult decisions. 	<p>Scripture Focus: Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)</p> <p>"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock..."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflection: What are the components of a strong, biblically-based decision-making framework? How can we apply this framework in personal and professional decisions?
<p>Arts (A): Visualizing Outcomes through Creative Expression</p> <p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Understand how art, specifically poetry and other forms of creative writing, can be used to explore parables and metaphors that question the reality of our circumstances and the inherent nature of things, including decision-making processes. 	<p>Scripture Focus: James 11-12 (NIV)</p> <p>"Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflection: How do these metaphors relate to the consistency required in our words and actions, especially in the context of making decisions?

<p>Math (M): Calculating Risks and Benefits</p> <p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Analyze how to weigh the risks and benefits of decisions using biblical wisdom. 	<p>Scripture Focus: Luke 14:28-30 (NIV)</p> <p><i>"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflection: What logical models can we use to evaluate the potential outcomes of our decisions? How does this align with scriptural advice?
<p>Social Studies (SS): The Impact of Decisions on Society</p> <p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss how decisions influence societal norms and cultural changes. 	<p>Scripture Focus: Joshua 24:15 (NIV)</p> <p><i>"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..."</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflection: How do our decisions affect those around us, and what role does our cultural and societal context play in our decision-making processes?

Key Takeaways

This Bible study provides a comprehensive approach to decision-making, integrating biblical wisdom with insights from various disciplines. Participants will learn to navigate complex decisions with faith, leveraging both spiritual guidance and practical tools to make choices that benefit themselves and their communities. In these scriptures, we can see how each decision we make can be for or against God's will. How can each decision we make lead us down a wise path?

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