

1. Seek Biblical Wisdom (obey God’s commands)

Joshua 24:14-15

2 Corinthians 6:14, Proverbs 22:7, Philippians 4:8

Hebrews 10:24-25

Deciding to do something also means deciding not to do other things.

Weighing positive commands.

Is there a hierarchy of duty?

Do God’s commands ever conflict in such a way that obedience to one requires sinful disobedience to others?

Faced with the same kinds of moral dilemma, Jesus never sinned in His decisions.

2. What to do when the Bible does not give a clear command

Pray, specifically for wisdom. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 1:5)

Choose that which promotes a love for God and others. (Matthew 22:36-38, Philippians 2:3-8, 2 Corinthians 5:15)

How does this decision affect the life of others in the church?

Examine your motives. (Proverbs 16:2, 20:9)

Gather all the facts. (Proverbs 18:13, 17)

Do not make hasty or forced decisions. (Proverbs 19:2, 21:5)

Consider all the possible outcomes. (Proverbs 14:1, 15, 27:12)

Learn from past experience and mistakes. (Proverbs 26:11)

Do not ignore “red flags,” cautions, or warning signs. (Proverbs 10:17, 16:25)

Is your conscience clear with the decision? (Romans 14:22)

Seek Godly counsel. (Proverbs 15:22, 11:14, 18:1, 2)

Do not compromise your witness to the world. (Proverbs 10:9, 20:7, 22:21, Deuteronomy 9:27, 28, Matthew 5:13-16)

Is there another option that would bring greater glory to God?

Does this decision make sense – is it in keeping with my gifts and the means God has given me?

3. Give God the glory for any good choices you have made!

Take responsibility for those bad choices, repent, accept chastisement and trust God will work it together for your good, His glory, and conform you to the image of His Son through it all.