1. What biblical principles should inform my decision? “For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.” (Proverbs 2:6; cf. Proverbs 1:20-23)

2. Do I have all the facts? “He who gives an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him.” (Proverbs 18:13; cf. Proverbs 18:17)

3. Is the pressure of time forcing me to make a premature decision? “Also it is not good for a person to be without knowledge, and he who makes haste with his feet errs.” (Proverbs 19:2; cf. Proverbs 21:5)

4. What are the possible motives driving my decision? “All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives.” (Proverbs 16:2; cf. Proverbs 20:9, Proverbs 21:2)
5. How should past experiences inform my decision? “Like a dog that returns to its vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.” (Proverbs 26:11; cf. Proverbs 17:10)


7. Have I honestly considered the warning signs? “He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, but he who forsakes reproof goes astray.” (Proverbs 10:17; cf. Proverbs 16:25, Proverbs 27:6)

8. Have I considered the possible outcomes for my course of action? “The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands.” (Proverbs 14:1; cf. Proverbs 14:15, Proverbs 27:12)

9. Could this decision jeopardize my integrity or hinder my witness for the Lord? “Like a trampled spring and a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.” (Proverbs 25:26; cf. Proverbs 10:9, Proverbs 20:7, Proverbs 22:1)

10. Is there a better option that would allow me to make a greater impact for God’s kingdom? “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins souls.” (Proverbs 11:30)