

## KEYS TO MAKING WISE DECISIONS

“If you want better insight and discernment, learn the importance for reverence for the Lord and of trusting Him. He shows how to distinguish right from wrong and how to find the right decision every time.”

Proverbs 2:5,9

The last several weeks we've been in this series on Essentials for 21st Century Living. We said you need five things. You need people to live with, principles to live by, a profession to live out, power to live on and a purpose to live for. We have spent some time on people to live with, how to get connected and last week we began to focus on principles to live by which we get from God's Word. Our Lord wants us to make good decisions and He gives us at least 6 keys for doing that.

### SIX WAYS TO TEST A DECISION

**1. The IDEAL TEST: Is it in harmony w\_\_\_\_\_ G\_\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_?**

Psalm 119:105

**2. The INTEGRITY TEST: Would I want everyone to k\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_?**

Proverbs 10:9

James 4:17 (LB)

Romans 14:14b (LB)

**3. The IMPROVEMENT TEST: Will it make me a b\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_?**

1 Corinthians 10:23

**4. The INDEPENDENCE TEST: Could it become a\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_?**

1 Corinthians 6:12b (RSV)

1 Corinthians 6:12 (LB)

**5. The INFLUENCE TEST: Will it harm o\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_?**

Romans 14:12,13 (LB)

Romans 15:1,2 (LB)

**6. The INVESTMENT TEST: Is it the b\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_\_\_\_ of m\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_?**

Ephesians 5:15-17