Principles for Biblical Decision Making
1. **Belief**

Have an accurate concept of God.

*“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”*

Jer. 29:11

2. **Read**

God's word is the foundation.

“Bible is God’s Word to you.

- **1. Teaching**
- **2. Conviction**
- **3. Reconciliation**
- **4. Righteousness**

So that... You can be complete.

3. **Pray**

Pray for direction.

- “Truly of you it is a good thing to thank God and to sing praise, because of your help and by reason of the help of his holy temple.”

1 Tim. 2:8

4. **Trust**

Trust and have a surrendered heart.

5. **Wait**

Wait on God's timing.

- **Present or Distant?**
- **Active or Silent?**
- **Caring or Ambivalent?**

6. **Seek**

Seek wise counsel.

7. **Walk**

Walk with God.

- “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

John 10:27

8. **Rest**

Acknowledge God’s sovereignty.

- “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is...”

Jer. 17:7
1. **Belief**
   **Incorrect Assumption:** The choice is all important.
   **Truth:** God views the decision making process as a critical catalyst for character formation.

2. **Read**
   **Incorrect Assumption:** There are many options but only ONE right choice. It is my job to decide on the ONE and thus solve the riddle.
   **Truth:** God's Word defines the boundaries from which we choose.

3. **Pray**
   **Incorrect Assumption:** God would answer your prayers according to your desires if you had more faith.
   **Truth:** God uses "no" for His purposes. Sometimes He changes our questions.

4. **Trust**
   **Incorrect Assumption:** I should have certainty of the decision before the choice is made.
   **Truth:** Faith is trusting God through uncertainty.

5. **Wait**
   **Incorrect Assumption:** Waiting is doing nothing and has no benefit in the interim.
   **Truth:** "Faith-waiting" is active and brings about renewal; "faithless-waiting" is inactive and brings about restlessness.

6. **Seek**
   **Incorrect Assumption:** We either use faith or wisdom in decision making.
   **Truth:** Good decision making uses both faith and wisdom.

7. **Walk**
   **Incorrect Assumption:** Determining God's Will should be difficult.
   **Truth:** Decisions are most "natural" when they come out of a walk with Christ.

8. **Rest**
   **Incorrect Assumption:** If I make the wrong choice, I will be on God's "B" plan.
   **Truth:** In His sovereignty, God frequently redeems broken and bad decisions for His glory.