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DECISION MAKING

potential consequences creates endless growth potential for good—but making hasty or thoughtless decisions can damage your effectiveness and those closest to you.

How we make those decisions matters to others and to God. We should always start

From the moment you wake up in the morning until you fall back into bed at night, you are faced with almost constant decisions. Some are minor but many of the decisions you face are more serious than your outfit, the route you choose to get to work and what to feed yourself or family for dinner.

In fact, as a leader, you are constantly weighing significant choices because they often affect more than your own life—most times they involve the welfare of others. Making wise choices that consider past experiences, future possibilities, and

and end with the final authority of God’s word. Leadership in decision making is undergirded by the wisdom described in the Bible. If we lived by the world’s wisdom, our lives would be directed by popularity, polling and cultural values; but as His daughters, we are called to participate in His will for our lives by obeying His word and putting it into action with energy.

Again, as we talk about decision-making, we must keep in our mind the character of our Father God. Like Lisa states today, this doesn’t mean every decision will lead to a huge paycheck or non-stop thrills, but it

does mean that God as a loving Father longs to give us good things.

Today we’ll look at some timeless principles and some new insights for what it looks like to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ who is “counting the cost” and choosing well, whether steering a company, starting a new project or shepherding hearts.

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

PROVERBS 16:9



listen



- Q Do you always finish what you start, or do you tend to begin lots of things and not complete them?
- Q Are you facing any decisions right now? This can be something you deal with regularly or something major that's unique to this season.
- Q What is a strength you bring to the decision making process? What's something you don't do so well?

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Take a few minutes to watch part one of the video, then use the following questions to guide your conversation.

- Q Do you have any tools that help you make decisions like Alli's "10/10/10" rule?
- Q Are you more of a thinker or a feeler when making decisions? What are the strengths of that approach? What are the weaknesses?
- Q What does it look like to listen to the Lord for wisdom?

READ LUKE 14: 28-30.

"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? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'"