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# GUIDANCE

DECISION MAKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S BIG PLAN

## Guidance and the voice of God

- There is no promise of finding God's voice outside of the Bible and no command to seek God's voice outside of the Bible
- The Bible is the only light in the darkness (2 Peter 1:19)
- The guidance that the Bible gives is moral not specific (Psalm 25:4-5; 32:8-9; 119:105; Isaiah 30:20-21; Deut. 5:32-33; James 1:5; 3:17)
- We are guided by the commands, desires and plan of God as revealed in the Bible (Ephesians 4-5; 1 Thess. 4:3; 5:16-18; Ephesians 1)

## Wisdom and making decisions

- Fear – of the LORD (Prov. 1:7)
- Following – the Lord (Luke 6:46; Mark 8:34; John 13:34; Matt. 28:19-20)
- Freedom – Matt. 11:28-29; 1 Cor. 7:39
- Forward – the Gospel (Phil. 1:12)
- Flexible – Acts 16
- Find – needs (Luke 10:25-37; Romans 10:14)
- Friends – Prov. 15:22 – who are wise (Prov. 1:7)
- Family – seek a good local church

## Further reading:

- [Resources on Guidance](#)
- [Gospel & Guidance: Decision-making in light of God's big plan](#)
- [How can I tell if I'm 'called' to pastoral ministry \(Kevin DeYoung\)](#)