

MANAGING YOUR CHOICES – PROVERBS 2:5

SERIES: MANAGING LIFE'S MANAGEABLES

³ For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; ⁴ If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; ⁵ Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God. ... ⁹ Then you will discern righteousness and justice And equity *and* every good course.

Proverbs 2:3-5, 9 (NASB)

FIVE WAYS TO TEST A DECISION

1. THE IDEAL TEST:

- Is It In Harmony _____?

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105 (NASB)

2. THE INTEGRITY TEST:

- Would I Want Everyone _____?

⁹ He who walks in integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will be found out. **Proverbs 10:9 (NASB)**

¹⁷ Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin. **James 4:17 (NASB)**

¹⁴ I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. **Romans 14:14 (NASB)**

3. THE IMPROVEMENT TEST:

- Will It Make Me _____?

²³ All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify. **1 Corinthians 10:23 (NASB)**

4. THE INDEPENDENCE TEST:

- Could It Become _____?

¹² All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything. **1 Corinthians 6:12 (NASB)**

¹² I can do anything I want to if Christ has not said no, but some of these things aren't good for me. Even if I am allowed to do them, I'll refuse to if I think they might get such a grip on me that I can't easily stop when I want to.

1 Corinthians 6:12 (TLB)

5. THE INFLUENCE TEST:

- Will It Harm _____?

¹² So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God. ¹³ Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way. **Romans 14:12-13 (NASB)**

¹ Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not *just* please ourselves. ² Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. **Romans 15:1-2 (NASB)**