



HEAR HIS HEART

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Decisions...Decisions—they're constantly before us. From the food we eat and the movies we watch...to the people we hang out with and the things we spend our money on, every choice we make carries great weight and directly or indirectly shapes our quality of life for the future. Therefore, it is crucial that we have God's input and direction in all we do—it's vital that we *hear His heart*.

When you and I are faced with a decision, it's like coming to an intersection in the road. Do we go right, left or keep straight? While small choices are like a four-way stop in your neighborhood, big choices are like interstate junctions on the freeway; one wrong turn can greatly alter our destination. For most of us, our natural inclination is to lean to our *own understanding* and choose what we *feel* is best. But this is dangerous and can be disastrous (see Proverbs 14:12). Why? Because our understanding is limited and our feelings are fickle and flawed.

Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in *everything* you do, *everywhere* you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil! Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life!

—Proverbs 3:5-8 The Message

There are probably many choices presently on your plate right now—some of them minor and some major. Regardless of the size, each decision will impact your life and the lives of others. The healthiest habit that you and I can cultivate when it comes to making choices is to **pray** and ask God: "Father, what do You have to say about this?"

Psalm 25 clearly declares God's desire to lead our life and help us make the best choices. We can pray as David prayed: *Show me the path where I should go, O Lord; point out the right road for me to walk. Lead me; teach me; for you are the God who gives me salvation...* (Psalm 25:4,5 TLB). Verse 9 proclaims that God *...leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way*. Who does God help to make good choices? Those who are humble and have a reverential fear of Him. David says, *Where is the man who fears the Lord? **God will teach him how to choose the best*** (Psalm 25:12 TLB).

One thing is for sure, God will never direct you to make a choice that is contrary to His Word. His Word is the ultimate "road atlas" ever printed—the most technically advanced GPS ever invented. When His Spirit directs you through His "still small voice," circumstances, other people or a gut feeling, the direction will always be supported by Scripture. The choice will lead to *life* and will have His fingerprints of *peace* all over it (see Deuteronomy 30:19; Colossians 3:15). Remember, God leads us gently—He never pushes or pressures us to do anything. His yoke is easy and His burden is light (see Matthew 11:29,30).

Is there is a driving force within you to know that you know that you are making the right choice—the choice that has God's blessing? Get close to God and you will *hear His Heart!*

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