

Psalm 23

God's Solution to an Overwhelming Life

Lesson Four

God's Solution to Indecision

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Psalm 23:1-3

Do the decisions we make really matter?

We make our decisions, and our DECISIONS turn around and make us.

God's Solution to Making Wise Decisions

Let the Lord GUIDE you as your Shepherd.

The Lord will guide you continually... Isaiah 58:11

For this is God, our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to death. Psalm 48:14

How to Let the Lord Guide You as Your Shepherd:

1. LOOK to the Lord as Your Guide!

Why do we sometimes make foolish decisions?

Because we have GONE ASTRAY to follow our own way in life.

*We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way... Isaiah 53:6
There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Proverbs 14:12*

What should we do?

ADMIT you need the Lord as your guide.

*He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. Psalm 25:9
I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.
Psalm 32:8*

2. LISTEN to the Lord for Guidance!

"I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own...My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." ~Jesus, John 10:14, 27

What does it mean to listen to the Lord?

➤ HEAR the Lord, don't harden your heart towards the Lord.

*For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.
Today, if you hear His voice: Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion,
as in the day of trial in the wilderness. Psalm 95:7-8*

➤ FOLLOW the Lord, don't stray away from the Lord.

*In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.
Proverbs 12:28*

3. LEAN on the Lord in Your Decisions!

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6*

Two Parts in Making Wise Decisions

➤ My part: TRUST in the Lord and not in my own understanding.

➤ God's part: He will make my paths STRAIGHT.

The Secret to Making Wise Decisions

There's only one way you can *look* to the Lord, *listen* to the Lord, and *lean* on the Lord in your decision-making: STAY CLOSE to the Lord as your Shepherd.

The secret is a relationship with the Lord as your Shepherd!