

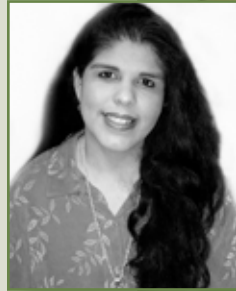
Decision-Making Tool Kit

When a Christian woman is at a point where she sees choices and must decide which way she will go, most often she does not find that God makes the decision for her, but rather she does find that the strength of God flows through His Word. (See *James 1:2-8; John 14:8-14; Galatians 5:1; Mark 12:29-31; Ephesians 1:3-14* and *Romans 8:1-4*.) Along with prayer and the study of God's Word, consider these decision-making tools:

- Gather as much information as possible
- Seek impartial advice
- Consider possible alternatives
- Balance the "risks" against the "benefits"
- Give the decision a "trial run" if possible
- Set a deadline to avoid decision by default
- Involve in the process those affected by the decision
- Prepare yourself to accept the consequences of your action

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Spotlight on Adriana

Adriana (Adie) Yanez, Texas District, got hooked on the LWML as Young Women's Rep to the Minneapolis convention — and she kept going! As a zone president, she mentors teen leaders ("I tell them I am grooming them to be President of the LWML one day!") and has plans to sponsor quarterly zone-wide Friends Into Serving Him® activities, such as this Friendship Tea.

It's me again, Lord. You remember the out-of-state job that the recruiter called me about? Well, I had the interviews, and they offered me the position! I'm so excited and so scared. Should I leave a sure thing here in my hometown, my family and friends, my church, and move to a new place? There are so many uncertainties! Thank You for helping me remember the things that my parents taught me from Your Word: You promise never to leave me or forsake me, and You are with me always. Recalling this and other promises in Your Word have made me feel better already. It is so wonderful that You hear my innermost thoughts and fears and love me anyway! Help me to come to a decision that is made after careful thought and honors You. Be with me and remind me that in You "I put my trust; I will not be afraid" (Psalm 56:11a).
Thanks, God. You're the best!
Love, Your daughter

Stick a Fork in It



By Cheryl Mattil

There are times in all of our lives when we have major decisions to make. Unfortunately, our Heavenly Father does not drop down neon signs that give us the answer. In fact, many times He allows us to struggle to find the correct decision.

My favorite passage in Scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6: *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.* Even when there is a "fork" in the road, He will help us through all the twists and turns.

I look at it like this: We can use either a "spoon" to dig a hole and hide from the situation, a "knife" to stab at the opinions of our friends, or a "fork" and eat up God's Word to help us arrive at a solution. The One who was born, lived a perfect life, died, and rose again in our place will definitely guide us to the answers we seek. Trust Him! He saved you. Jesus will absolutely lead you. It's a done deal.

Quotable Quotes

"Standing in the middle of the road is very dangerous; you get knocked down by the traffic from both sides." Margaret Thatcher

"So rest and relax and grow stronger, Let go and let God share your load. Your work is not finished or ended, You've just come to a bend in the road." Helen Steiner Rice