

**DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE**  
**#4: GOD'S DESIGN FOR DECISION MAKING**  
 NEHEMIAH 1&2

*In the absence of, or to confirm God's guidance, we can follow this Biblical checklist in decision making.*

**I. Doing the Right Thing: Is My Decision in Accord with God's Written Word?**

[Nehemiah 1:1-11]

- Does this decision \_\_\_\_\_ God, and further His kingdom?
- The decision should not \_\_\_\_\_ God's Written Word.
- \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation principles should be used in understanding God's Written Word.
- Do not take individual verses out of context, but use the \_\_\_\_\_ spirit of God's Written Word.

**II. For the Right Motives: Are My Motives Proper?**

- **Proper motives:** Our \_\_\_\_\_ - Furthering of God's kingdom and agenda God's way. Secondly – proper personal desires and gain.
- **Improper motives:** \_\_\_\_\_ desires and gain, especially at the unfair expense of others.
- **Remember** – We can \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves, so we must prayerfully analyze our motives, and if necessary, seek discerning advice.

**III. In the Right Way: Is Every Part of the Decision Process Consistent With God's Character and Wisdom?** [Nehemiah 2:1-9]

- Is application of the decision done with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and concern for others?
- The potential impact on \_\_\_\_\_ should be considered.
- Is spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ used in the decision and application?
- Factual evidence of the \_\_\_\_\_ and careful research should be used.
- Evaluate all potential effects and \_\_\_\_\_ of the decision.
- **Remember:** God's Will never lead you to do His Will using \_\_\_\_\_ actions.

**IV. With the Right Counsel: Do I Get the Advice of Qualified Others?** [Nehemiah 2:17-18]

*Because we are fallible, and we can deceive ourselves... ..*

- **Vital** – Prayerfully request the counsel of \_\_\_\_\_ in all aspects of the decision.
- Seriously consider the advice of \_\_\_\_\_, knowledgeable and honest people.

**V. At the Right Time: Now, Later, or Never?**

- Timing is vital for decision success.
- We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ enough to move quickly when right.
- We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ enough to wait for the proper time.
- We need to be courageous enough to do \_\_\_\_\_, if the timing is never right.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ (open and closed doors), often will indicate whether the timing is right or not.

**VI. For the Right Results: Can the Decision Reasonably Be Expected to Achieve Its Goals?**

- When making a decision, \_\_\_\_\_ must be realistically forecast, not wishful thinking.
- Consider the law of \_\_\_\_\_ consequences when decision-making.

**Answers:** I. Glorify; violate; proper; whole. II. Priority; selfish; deceive. III. Love; others; wisdom; truth; consequences; ungodly. IV. God; mature. V. Bold; patient; nothing; circumstances. VI. Actual results; unintended.