



Smart Decisions

How do you make smart decisions in the workplace?

1. Follow the wisdom of God

“wisdom is the art of living skilfully in whatever actual conditions we find ourselves.” - Eugene Peterson

wisdom takes time and investment to develop

“the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom”

(Proverbs 9:10)

2. Ask others for advice

from people you can trust and who understand you

from people who understand the nature of the decision you have to make

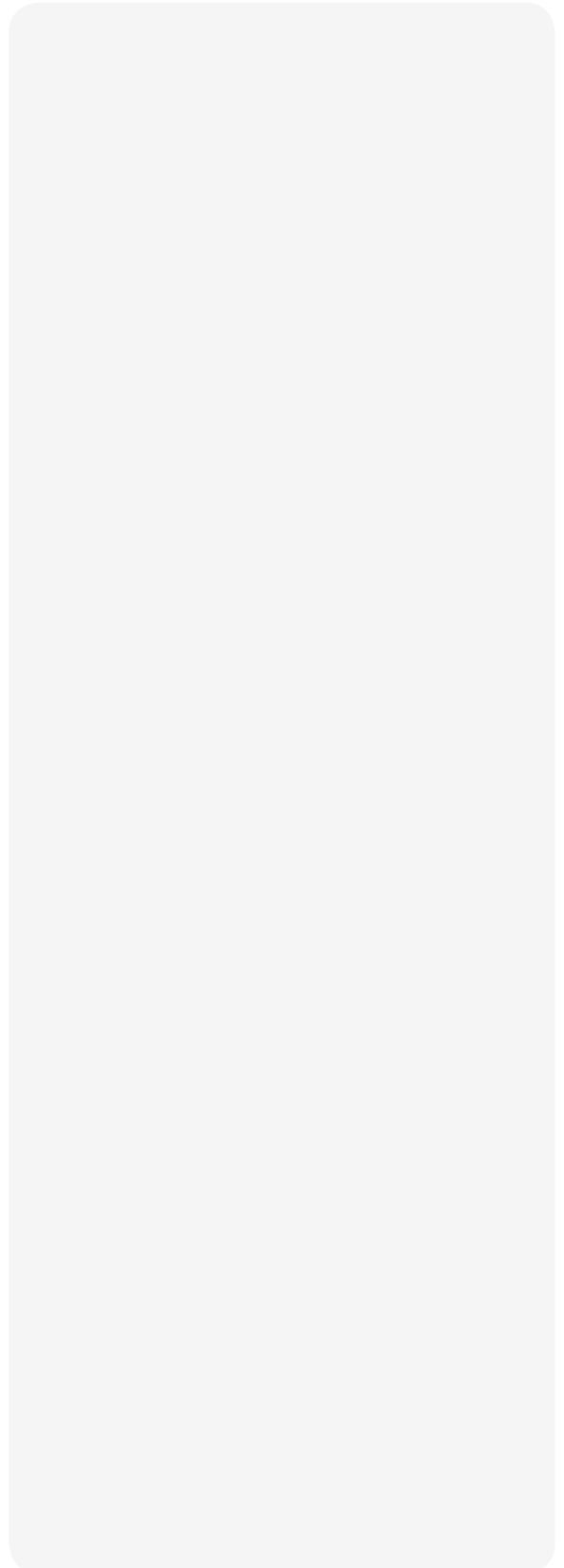
and sometimes from those who have no idea

3. Make time to decide.

Step back to gain perspective. Start by focusing on God – worship Him.

4. Make the complex simple

“Strive for simplicity on the other side of complexity.”





5. Listen to the question

Consider the three questions in Luke 20:

- Jesus declines to answer – not every question deserves an answer.
- Jesus redefines the question – we don't always have to restrict ourselves to the questions people ask us.
- Jesus gives a straight answer – when you get a straight question, give a straight answer.

6. Consider the consequences

Consider and manage the downside as much as the upside, there's always going to be risk.

7. Implement the decision

We are to be 'as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves' (Matthew 10:16). - the Spirit of God enables us to do both and have that balance.

The Spirit of God works with us to implement these decisions in an effective way (Daniel).

Conversation Questions

Looking at the seven steps, how can you apply this to any decisions you're having to make now?

Is there any of the seven steps which you find challenging? If so, what is challenging about it and what can you do to try and implement it?

Reflect on your trend line. Are there any red flags? How can any red flags be managed to bring the change which is needed?