

Today's Theme  
**“Makin My D’s”**  
(Decisions)

Series Title  
**“Success God’s Style” Part 8**  
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### Welcoming Jesus Into Decision Making

#### 1. Begin by *asking* God for *wisdom*.

Proverbs 28:26 Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe. James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

- (1) Conclude God *wants* us to have *wisdom*.
- (2) Understand that we *need* to *ask* for it.
- (3) We need to ask without being double minded.

#### 2. Attempt to get *all* the *facts*.

Proverbs 18:13 To answer before listening— that is folly and shame.

- (1) To keep us from making *quick* or *dumb* decisions.
- (2) *Uneducated* enthusiasm can bring *problems*.

#### 3. Continue *asking* for *advice*.

Proverbs 20:18 Plans are established by seeking advice; so if you wage war, obtain guidance. Proverbs 18:15 The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

- (1) It’s *wise* to learn from *experience*.
- (2) It’s *wiser* to learn from the experience of *others*.

#### 4. Carefully *count* the *costs* with *decisions*.

Proverbs 20:23 The Lord detests differing weights, and dishonest scales do not please him.

(1) It keeps me from *doing* things I may *regret* later. Luke 14:28 “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

(2) It helps to *evaluate* if success is really *possible*. Luke 14:31 “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

(3) It helps to deal with possible *losses* in *advance*. Luke 14:32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

#### 5. Deal with my *fears* with *courage*.

(1) Fearing criticism from others can hurt *motivation*. Proverbs 29:25 Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

(2) Two barriers to action: *Excuses* & *Over*-thinking. Proverbs 22:13 The sluggard says, “There’s a lion outside! I’ll be killed in the public square!”

#### 6. *Decide* to *rely* on Jesus along the way.

Proverbs 16:3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

- (1) I commit to do *all things* for God’s glory.
- (2) I choose to be *content* with my *circumstances*.
- (3) This alone *establishes* Jesus as *Lord* in my life.