Galatians 6:7–8
7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.
8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Jeremiah 6:15
15 Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them,” says the LORD.

Jeremiah 6:16
16 This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look;
Genesis 12:2  
2 “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Genesis 15:2–6  
2 But Abram said, “O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”
3 And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”
4 Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir.”
5 He took him outside and said, “Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”
6 Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 16:1–6
1 Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar;
2 so she said to Abram, “The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her.” Abram agreed to what Sarai said.
3 So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife.
4 He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress.
5 Then Sarai said to Abram, “You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me.”
6 “Your servant is in your hands,” Abram said. “Do with her whatever you think best.” Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

Ask God for wisdom.
James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all.

Prov. 3:6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Prov 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
Romans 8:6
6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

1 Cor. 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

When we set our minds on what God wants – we will have peace.

Will this bring glory to God?

Stand at the crossroads and look...
A Prayer for Wisdom and Peace When Making Big Decisions
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Dear heavenly Father, You number our hairs and determine our days; You hang the stars and feed the
sparrows; You open doors no one can shut and shut doors no one can open.

Surely, we can trust you when the time comes for making big decisions, or for that matter, any decisions.

I’m in just such a season again, Father, and I know I’m not alone. We will trust you for generous wisdom, straight paths and peaceful hearts, all for your glory.

How we praise you for being the decision-making-God. It’s not our decisions, but yours that make all the difference.

We will plan, but we trust you to order our steps.

We will pray, but ask you to fix our prayers en route to heaven.

We will seek counsel, but count on you to overrule faulty or incomplete input from our most trusted friends and mentors.

We will search the Scriptures, but not looking for proof texts but for you, Father.

All we want and need is you.

Free us from the paralysis of analysis—wanting to make the right decision, more than we want to be righteous people;

wanting to be known as wise people, more than we want to know you.

Free us from the idolatry of assuming there’s only one “perfect” choice in any given situation.
Free us from making decisions primary for our comfort and other’s approval, or fear their disapproval.

Free us to know that good choices don’t always lead to the easiest outcomes, especially at first.

Free us from second and twenty-second guessing our decisions.

Father, no matter if it’s wisdom about buying or selling, vocation or vacation, this place or that place, this person or that person, we know that in ALL things, your will is our sanctification—our becoming more and more like Jesus.

So, Father, make us more and more like Jesus, even as we trust you for the opening and closing of doors that are in front of us.

All for your glory—in our eating and drinking; and in our whatever’s, whenever’s and wherever’s.

So very Amen we pray, in the name of our reigning King, Jesus.
Jeremiah 6:16
16 This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is,

Matthew 5:44
44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Proverbs 17:27
27 He who restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

Proverbs 2:12–17
12 Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse,
13 who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways,
14 who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,
15 whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways.
16 It will save you also from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words,
17 who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God.

Proverbs 15:1 – A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 10:19
When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

Proverbs 12:18
Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 19:11
Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs.

and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

Jeremiah 6:16
16 This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’

We always have a choice.