

How Do I Make Wise **CHOICES**?

So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD. Genesis 13:11-13

Seek Direction From **GOD**.

...where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD.

...So Abram moved his tents and went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he built an altar to the LORD. Genesis 13:4, 18

- **PRAY** for wisdom.

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

- **Align your choices with the WORD.**

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5

- **OBEY** what you already know.

Only let us live up to what we have already attained. Philippians 3:16

Seek **GODLY** counsel.

Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left. Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, toward Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) So Lot chose for himself.... Genesis 13:9-11

- **Lot chose NOT to ask for counsel from his uncle.**

Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days. Proverbs 11:20

He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20

They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom. Genesis 14:12

Ask the hard **QUESTIONS**.

- **Are my choices GOD-HONORING ?**

...Those who honor Me I will honor... 1 Sam 2:30

Decisions become easier when your will to please God outweighs your will to please the world. Anso Coetzer

- **How will this affect my spiritual HEALTH?**

- **Lot left his spiritual MENTOR.**

- **Lot left his source of BLESSING.**

- **Lot left his sense of MISSION.**

The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. Genesis 19:1

- **Am I RATIONALIZING the decision for my own SELFISH wants?**

When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them... But Lot said to them, "No, my lords, please!...But I can't flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I'll die. Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn't it? Then my life will be spared." Genesis 19:16,18-20

- **How will this decision affect the PEOPLE closest to me?**

But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt... So both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father. The older daughter had a son, and she named him Moab; he is the father of the Moabites of today. The younger daughter also had a son, and she named him Ben-Ammi; he is the father of the Ammonites of today. Genesis 19:26,36-38

- **Wait for God's TIMING and PEACE.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him... Psalms 37:7