

## NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

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### HOW TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS

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"A person... unable to make up his mind and undecided in all he does, must not think he will receive anything from the Lord." James 1:7-8

#### SIX STEPS

##### 1. STEP ONE: PRAY FOR GUIDANCE

*"He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but he who walks wisely will be delivered."* Proverbs 28:26

*"The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make."* Colossians 3:15

##### 2. STEP TWO: GET THE FACTS

*"Every prudent man acts out of knowledge."* Proverbs 13:16

*"It's stupid to decide before knowing the facts!"* Proverbs 18:13

##### 3. STEP THREE: ASK ADVICE

*"So don't go to war without wise guidance; victory depends on having many advisers."* Proverbs 24:6

##### 4. STEP FOUR: CALCULATE THE COST

*"It is a trap for a man to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows."* Proverbs 20:25

"But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you." Luke 14:28-29

##### 5. STEP FIVE: PREPARE FOR PROBLEMS

*"A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them... The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences."* Proverbs 22:3

##### 6. STEP SIX: FACE YOUR FEARS

*"If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done."* Ecclesiastes 11:4

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

#### FOUR BASIC LIFE DECISIONS

That I commit myself to...

- Christ and a church family
- The habits necessary for spiritual growth
- Using my God-given gifts and abilities in serving God and others
- Sharing Christ with others

(Ephesians 2:19; Romans 12:4-5; 2 Peter. 3:18; 1 Timothy 4:7; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-27; Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8)