

**DREAM TO LEGACY LIFE GROUP LESSON WEEK 2**  
**HOW TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS**  
**11/12-13/17**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *“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.” (James 1:5 NIV)*

**I. Introduction:** Finding and fulfilling God’s dream for your life is not magic; it is a \_\_\_\_\_ and a process: dream, decision, delay, difficulty, dead end, deliverance. If we don’t understand the process, we can’t cooperate with God and are likely to give up on the dream.

**Some facts about our decisions.**

A. Dreams don’t become destiny without decisions. Godly dreams come to pass because godly decisions are made.

B. Faith is not just believing but \_\_\_\_\_ out and acting decisively on what God shows us He wants us to be and do.

**II. Decisions of destiny have 4 characteristics.** They are wise decisions, pure decisions, united decisions, and bold decisions. You make wise decisions by deciding on a decision-making plan based on these 4 characteristics.

*“The wisdom from God is first pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruit without partiality, and without hypocrisy.” (James 3:17 NKJV)*

**A. Keys to a wise decision**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ about the decision. (James 1:5 NIV)  
*“A man is foolish to trust himself. But those who use God’s wisdom are safe.” (Pr. 28:26 LB)*
2. Get the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*...how stupid! - to decide before knowing the facts!” (Pr. 18:13 LB)*
3. Ask for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *“Plans fail for lack of counsel. There is wisdom in a multitude of counselors.” (Pr. 15:22)*
  - *“The more advice you get, the more likely you are to win.” (Pr. 24:6 GN)*
4. Count the \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 14:28-29)  
*“It is a trap for a man to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows.” (Pr. 20:25)*

**B. Keys to a pure decision. Ask the tough questions.**

Am I willing to be challenged or is my mind already made up?

Does it not only look right but \_\_\_\_\_ right and feel right to others?

Is this a short cut?

*George Mueller-the key to knowing God's will is to come to the place where you have no will of your own in the matter.*

**C. Keys to a united decision**

- *"By the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word will be confirmed." (2 Cor. 13:1 NIV)*
- *"A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." (Eph. 5:31 NLT)*

1. Alignment in your own spirit  
*"Let the peace of Christ (the inner calm of one who walks daily with Him) be the controlling factor in your hearts (deciding and settling questions that arise). To this peace indeed you were called in one body (of believers). (Colossians 3:15)*
2. With your spouse, parents, \_\_\_\_\_ . (Eph. 5:31)
3. With your \_\_\_\_\_ family, those who help watch over your soul.  
*"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account." (Hebrews 13:17 NIV)*

**D. Keys to making bold decisions of faith**

- *"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 GN)*
- *"If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done." (Eccl. 11:4 LB)*

1. The underlying cause of indecision is fear. We cannot fulfill our destiny without facing our \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. God doesn't give us complete clarity so we can act; He often calls us to act so we can have clarity.  
Success is not never failing; it is boldly taking the \_\_\_\_\_  
you believe God is leading you to take regardless of the outcome.

**(Answers: I. journey, stepping II. pray, facts, advice, cost, smell, earthly family, church, fears, next step)**

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

1. Can you think of a dream that you once had that you thought was for sure THE dream for your life, that you are now glad that you realized eventually that it wasn't?
2. Have you had any insight since the last meeting about a dream that God may be wanting you to receive and claim?
3. If a dream is like a seed and you think of your "dream to legacy as a process" what might be a step for you, you need to take?
  - a. Plant the seed, announce it and go for it
  - b. Ask God and others to help you water the seed
  - c. Pull out some weeds
  - d. Relocate the plant to a better environment
  - e. Other
4. Of the four keys to making decisions of destiny, which really spoke to you as it relates to present decisions you might be making?
  - a. The need to make wiser decisions
  - b. The challenge to make sure I'm making pure decisions
  - c. The need to be sure I'm making a united decision
  - d. The willingness to make a bold decision
5. What would be an example of a fear you most often need to face? The fear of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Lack
  - b. Failure
  - c. Embarrassment
  - d. Disappointment
  - e. Inadequacy
  - f. Danger
  - g. Rejection
  - h. Other
6. Is there a decision you need to make that you would like to ask the group to help you pray about?