# Family Decision-Making With God's Guidance



Explore how prayer, Scripture, and unity guide families in major decisions, fostering peace and wisdom in the household.





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### Introduction

**Family** is one of God's greatest gifts, a place where love, support, and spiritual growth happen daily. Decisions in a family can shape the future—whether about finances, moves, education, or spiritual direction. *How can families handle these significant choices with peace and confidence?* 

In this 7-day Bible study, we will explore how to include **God's guidance** in family decision-making. The Bible offers wisdom on seeking the Lord, praying together, and maintaining unity. Our focus is on practical steps that lead to decisions honoring God and strengthening family bonds.

Each day, you'll find Scripture passages highlighting trust in God's wisdom, the power of prayer, and the importance of unity. We will reflect on how to listen for God's voice through Scripture and heartfelt prayer, and how to create an environment where each family member feels valued and heard.

Families often face uncertainties and tensions when making major decisions. Yet Scripture reminds us that **God promises wisdom to those who ask Him** (James 1:5). When families come together in prayer and openness, their decisions can reflect God's peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7).

Join this journey as you discover how to transform your family decision—making by inviting God's presence, aligning choices with His Word, and







building a strong, unified household. May you experience greater confidence in your family's path forward through prayer, Scripture, and togetherness.

















Day 1: A Seeking God's Wisdom First

#### Your Verse

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."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
- Psalm 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."







Day 1: A Seeking God's Wisdom First

### Devotional: Start Decisions by Asking God for Wisdom

Beginning with God's guidance is crucial for any major family decision. The book of James encourages us to ask God directly for wisdom, promising He gives it generously and without reproach. This is an open invitation for families: bring your questions and uncertainties to the Lord as a first step.

When faced with decisions that affect the whole family, it is natural to feel pressure and fear of making the wrong choice. Yet God's wisdom is available to all who seek it sincerely. Trusting in the Lord requires humility—acknowledging that our own understanding has limits but God's insight is perfect.

Today, pray together as a family and ask God for clear, loving guidance. Invite each family member to share what concerns or hopes they have. Seek God's direction as your starting point, making His voice the foundation of your decision-making process.







Day 1:  $\bigwedge$  Seeking God's Wisdom First

### Reflect and Apply

How does your family usually approach major decisions? Do you prioritize seeking God first?
In what ways can you create a habit of asking God together for wisdom before deciding?
Are there any areas where you have relied more on your own understanding than God's guidance?







Day 1:  $\bigwedge$  Seeking God's Wisdom First

### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a recent family decision. Did you invite God into the process?  How did that affect the outcome?
	List ways your family can improve in seeking God's wisdom for future decisions.
	Reflect on a time when seeking God's guidance brought peace to a difficult choice.







Day 1: 🙏 Seeking God's Wisdom First

### Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your promise to give wisdom to those who ask. We surrender our family decisions to You today and ask for Your clear guidance. Help us listen closely to Your voice and trust Your perfect plan. Teach us to seek You first and lean not on our own understanding. May Your peace guard our hearts as we move forward together. In Jesus' name, *amen*.



















Day 2: W Praying Together as One

### Your Verse

Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
- Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."







Day 2: W Praying Together as One

### Devotional: Unite Hearts Through Family Prayer

**Prayer is more than words; it's a powerful connector** uniting family hearts in purpose and trust. Jesus reassures us that He is present when believers gather in His name, making family prayers a sacred space to invite His presence into decisions.

When your family prays together regularly—especially when facing important choices—it builds spiritual intimacy and peace. Prayer shifts the focus from worries and differing opinions onto God's sovereignty and love. Paul encourages us to present all requests to God with thanksgiving, reminding us to be watchful and thankful as we pray.

Commit to praying together intentionally today. Let each family member express their thoughts and feelings honestly before God. Pray for unity in your hearts, clarity in your decisions, and trust in God's perfect timing. *Family prayer invites God's power to work mightily in your decision-making process.* 







Day 2: 🖏 Praying Together as One

### Reflect and Apply

1. l	How often does your family pray together about major decisions?
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	What blocks or hesitations might exist in opening up prayers to everyone?
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	How can you cultivate an environment where family members feel safe to share honestly in prayer?
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Day 2: 🖏 Praying Together as One

### **Journaling Prompts**

<b>1</b> . ]	Describe how praying as a family has influenced past decisions.
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	Write a prayer asking God to increase unity and openness in your family's prayers.
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	Note specific decisions where you will commit to praying together in the coming days.
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Day 2: W Praying Together as One

### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for Your promise to be present when we gather in Your name. We ask You now to be in our family's conversations and prayers. Help us approach You with open hearts and gratitude, trusting Your will above all else. Unite us through prayer and guide our thoughts and decisions with Your peace. Strengthen our faith as we turn to You in every circumstance. *Amen.* 



















Day 3: "Pursuing Unity in Decisions

#### Your Verse

Psalm 133:1 - "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 4:3 "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
- 1 Corinthians 1:10 "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."







Day 3: Pursuing Unity in Decisions

### Devotional: Value Unity as You Decide Together

Unity is both a blessing and a goal in family decision-making. The Psalmist describes the joy and pleasantness of living in unity, and Paul urges believers to maintain the Spirit's unity by striving for peace.

Family members bring unique perspectives, and differing opinions are natural. However, God calls us to pursue consensus rooted in love and respect. Unity does not mean everyone must agree perfectly, but it does require intentional effort to listen, understand, and seek common ground.

Consider how Jacob and Esau's story reflects the power of reconciliation and unity in families (Genesis 33). Let your family prioritize harmony over winning arguments. Approach discussions with humility and openness, remembering that God's Spirit fosters peace within the household. *As you work toward unity, you mirror God's heart and enable His guidance more clearly.* 







Day 3: 🎔 Pursuing Unity in Decisions

### Reflect and Apply

	Are there unresolved tensions or divisions in your family regarding decisions?
2.	What attitudes or habits can your family change to promote unity?
	How does unity affect your confidence in the decisions you make together?







Day 3: 🎔 Pursuing Unity in Decisions

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when unity helped your family make a difficult decision.
2.	List practical steps your family can take to promote peace during discussions.
3.	Reflect on ways to honor differing opinions while striving for unity.







Day 3: "Pursuing Unity in Decisions

### Prayer for Today

**Father God,** we ask for Your Spirit to cultivate unity in our family. Teach us to value peace and understanding more than winning arguments or holding onto pride. Help us listen with love and humility, striving to make decisions that bind us closer together. May our unity glorify You and bring Your guidance to light. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 

















### Your Verse

Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Timothy 3:16–17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
- Joshua 1:8 "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."







### Devotional: Let Scripture Guide Every Step

The Bible is more than a book of rules; it is a guide for life that illuminates the path whenever your family faces important decisions. Psalm 119 beautifully depicts God's Word as a steady light that shows the way forward.

Families can lean heavily on Scripture, not only for direct commands but also for principles like love, patience, and integrity that inform wise choices. Paul reminds Timothy that Scripture equips believers for every good work — including decision making.

Encourage your family to read and discuss Scripture regularly, asking how it applies to your current choices. Meditating on God's Word brings clarity and confidence, exposing any paths that lead away from His will. *A family grounded in Scripture will find direction shining clearly through God's truth.* 







### Reflect and Apply

How regularly does your family read and discuss the Bible together?
Are there Scriptures that have particularly influenced your family's decisions?
How can you encourage deeper Scripture engagement around your decision-making processes?







### Journaling Prompts

1.	Record a Bible verse that has helped your family make a good decision.
2.	Write about ways to integrate Scripture reading into your family's routine.
3.	Reflect on how God's Word has been a 'lamp' during difficult times.







### Prayer for Today

**Loving God,** thank You for Your Word that lights our path. Help us to value Scripture as a foundational guide in our family decisions. Teach us to seek and obey Your truth, meditating on Your promises and commands. May Your Word empower us to choose wisely and live faithfully. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 

















### Your Verse

James 1:19 – "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 18:13 "To answer before listening—that is folly and shame."
- Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs."







### Devotional: Practice Listening to Build Family Trust

**Effective decision-making in families requires open ears and hearts.** The book of James teaches the importance of being quick to listen and slow to speak or anger. This attitude fosters understanding rather than conflict.

Too often, major decisions become battlegrounds where voices compete instead of harmonizing. Listening well means genuinely seeking to understand—not just waiting your turn to speak. Proverbs highlights the folly in answering before hearing fully.

When family members listen with love and respect, discussions become opportunities for growth and unity. Encourage everyone to speak thoughtfully and to avoid harmful words. The goal is to build each other up, contributing to strong, respectful dialogue. *Choosing to listen well honors God and strengthens your family's decision-making process.* 







### Reflect and Apply

	Do you and your family members listen actively and respectfully during discussions?
2.	What challenges arise that might prevent good listening, and how can you overcome them?
	How does being truly heard or unheard affect individual family members' feelings and participation?







### **Journaling Prompts**

	Recall a time when good listening improved a family decision or relationship.
2.	Identify personal habits that help or hinder your listening skills.
3.	Write a personal commitment to listen better in family conversations.







### Prayer for Today

**Gracious God**, teach us to be quick to listen and slow to speak or anger. Help us create a family culture where everyone feels heard and valued. Soften our hearts to understand before we respond. May our words encourage and build each other up according to Your will. Guide us in love-filled communication and unity. *Amen.* 

















### Your Verse

Isaiah 41:10 - "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
- Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."







### Devotional: Lean on God When Answers Aren't Clear

Not every family decision comes with a clear or easy answer. In moments of uncertainty or fear, God's Word invites us to trust His presence and strength.

Isaiah assures us that God is with us and will uphold us, providing courage even when the path ahead seems confusing. Paul reinforces that God works for the good of those who love Him, weaving all circumstances into His perfect purpose.

Families can cling to these promises when doubts or anxieties arise. Instead of becoming paralyzed by uncertainty, choose to believe God is actively guiding even when the way isn't fully visible. Prayerfully rest in God's refuge, asking Him to strengthen and uphold your family together. *Your trust in God's faithfulness will bring peace that transcends understanding.* 







### Reflect and Apply

1.	What uncertainties currently surround your family's decisions, and how do you respond to them emotionally?
2.	How can your family encourage each other to trust God more deeply during these times?
3.	What past experiences of God's faithfulness can you recall to reinforce your confidence now?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a situation when trusting God helped your family through a difficult decision.
	Write a prayer expressing your fears and asking God for strength and peace.
	List Scriptures or promises that encourage you to trust God amid uncertainty.







### Prayer for Today

**Jehovah Jireh,** our Provider, we confess our fears and doubts about the unknown in our family decisions. Thank You for Your promise to be with us and strengthen us. Help us lean not on our own understanding but on Your faithful presence. Uphold us with Your righteous hand and remind us all that You work for our good. Bring peace to our hearts as we trust You. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 

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# Day 7: Celebrating God's Faithful Guidance









Day 7: 🏂 Celebrating God's Faithful Guidance

### Your Verse

Psalm 126:3 - "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
- Colossians 3:15 "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."







Day 7: 🏂 Celebrating God's Faithful Guidance

### Devotional: Give Thanks and Rejoice in God's Direction

As your family concludes this study, take time to celebrate God's faithful guidance. The psalmist proclaims joy in recognizing the great things the Lord has done. Even amid challenges, God's hand has been present in your decisions.

Paul reminds us to give thanks in all circumstances, trusting that gratitude aligns our hearts with God's will. Celebrate as a family how you have grown in prayer, unity, Scripture dependence, listening, and trust.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, rejoicing together for the journey. Carry forward these practices as ongoing habits, continually inviting God's presence in all decisions. *May thanksgiving and joy fill your home, reflecting God's goodness for generations to come.* 







Day 7: 🕭 Celebrating God's Faithful Guidance

### Reflect and Apply

	What are specific ways you have seen God's guidance in your family's decisions during this study?
2.	How can gratitude deepen your family's relationship with God and each other?
3.	What steps will your family take to maintain these spiritual habits long term?







Day 7: 🕭 Celebrating God's Faithful Guidance

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a thank-you letter to God from your family's perspective.
	List the spiritual lessons your family learned through this decision-making journey.
3.	Plan a family activity to celebrate God's faithfulness and unity.







Day 7: 🏂 Celebrating God's Faithful Guidance

### Prayer for Today

**Gracious God,** we praise You for the great things You have done for our family. Thank You for guiding our hearts and decisions throughout this time. Help us continually give thanks and rejoice in Your goodness. Let Your peace rule in our home and strengthen us to keep seeking You first. May our family be a lasting testimony of Your love and faithfulness. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 









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