

A FAITH THAT MAKES TOUGH CHOICES EASIER

A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't
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7 REACTIONS TO A CRISIS

- 1 _____ *"It's not my problem. It may not even be real."*
- 2 _____ *"It's real, but no big deal. It'll end fast & won't last!"*
- 3 _____ *"I refuse to let this limit my freedom! I'm healthy!"*
- 4 _____ *"OK, it IS a big deal & it WILL affect me."*
- 5 _____
"My life just turned upside down & I must make some tough choices!"
- 6 _____ *"It's going to last a long time & change everything."*
- 7 _____ *"With God's grace we'll get through this together!"*

HOW DOES TRUSTING GOD MAKE TOUGH CHOICES EASIER? JAMES 1:5-8

1. WHEN I TRUST GOD, _____
"If any of you lack wisdom, you should pray and ask God, because he gives it generously to anyone who asks! He never resents your asking. God loves to help you and he'll give you the wisdom you need. Just ask!" James 1:5

*"Those who become wise will be happy; wisdom is the key to a blessed life."
Proverbs 3:18 (GNT)*

"Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can get in life." Proverbs 4:7

*"Wisdom is good for the soul. If you get wisdom, you'll have a bright and secure future."
Proverbs 24:14 (GNT)*

HOW DO I GET THE WISDOM I NEED?

A. _____ IN MY LIFE!
"Reverence for the Lord is the foundation of all true wisdom. The REWARDS OF WISDOM are given to anyone who listens and obeys God." Psalm 111:10

"Honoring God and being humble leads to wisdom and wisdom will bring honor to you." Proverbs 15:33

B. _____ IN MY LIFE!
*Jesus: "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."
John 13:17*

"God's way is always perfect, and God's word is always true." 2 Samuel 22:31

"If you look intently into God's perfect Word that gives you freedom, and you continue to do this, not forgetting what you've learned, and then you put it into practice in your life, you will be blessed in everything you do!" James 1:25

C. _____ INTO MY LIFE!
"If you keep company with wise people, you'll become wise! But if you hang out with foolish people, you'll suffer from making bad choices." Proverbs 13:20

2. WHEN I TRUST GOD, _____
"Anyone with God's wisdom will know what makes good sense, but foolish can never make up their minds." Proverbs 17:24

"When you ask God for wisdom, you must believe and expect God to answer because anyone who starts doubting is like a wave in the sea that is blown and tossed around by the ever-changing winds. You won't get God's wisdom if you're double-minded, always wavering back and forth. That only makes you unstable and insecure in everything you do." James 1:6-8

3. WHEN I TRUST GOD, _____
Jesus said, "According to your faith it will be done to you!" Matthew 9:29

4. WHEN I TRUST GOD, _____
"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those of us who love Him and are called to live His purpose for us." Romans 8:28

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