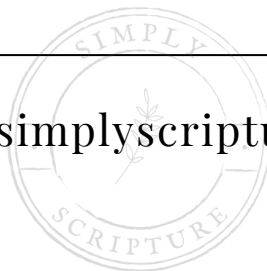


SEEKING WISDOM

75 QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOU TOWARD
WISE DECISIONS



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We have all been at a critical crossroads in life at one time or another. It's that place where we feel confused about our future, unsure of God's will, or wondering if we're on the right road in the first place. Sorting out facts from feelings can be a bit overwhelming and leave us believing a lie that God is nowhere in sight.

Are you there right now? Have you ever wondered how to make a wise decision that honors God and keeps you headed in the right direction? When you are standing at a crossroads, it's wise to turn to the Word of God, and ask yourself tough questions to help guide you to God's very best.

I'm praying these probing questions will help you in the beautiful process of seeking wisdom.

In Christ-

Sheryl

WELCOME



TIPS FOR YOU

Ok, Sister, these questions are not easy! If you need to, grab your journal or print off extra journal pages from this PDF and prayerfully take time answering each one individually. This resource may take weeks/months to go through as you wrestle with each question. Consider turning these questions into a prayer asking God to reveal more of Himself in your situation. It's also normal to feel the tug of conviction which leads to clarity. Expect "Aha!" moments that will keep you on the right track. The Holy Spirit might prompt you to seek godly counsel, spend time in repentance, or simply worship Him in silence or song as you reflect.

Life is hard and struggles are real. Standing at a crossroads is never an easy time of life, but it can be a joyful one when we seek God's best, trust in His grace, and step back to see a bigger picture. His mercy is endless and His guidance is sure. Do you believe the lie that He is going to somehow *not* make His will known? Oh, sweet sister, lift your eyes to the One who is in control of every detail and every path your feet will take.

He knows the way and although your knees are knocking and your chin is quivering, He's got you... and He has an answer even for this decision.

It has been said you can either learn from others victories and defeats, or the school of hard knocks. Prayerfully ask the Lord for guidance. He is giving you the choice to obey His leading and enjoy His benefits, or reap the consequences of going your own way.

My sister, no matter what decision is in front of you, let Wisdom Himself speak into your life and give you His perspective. Listen to the Holy Spirit as He guides you prayerfully through His Word.

READY? Let's get real, because the future version of you is worth it.

Take your time going through this material.

Do NOT rush or skip through hard questions.

Seeking Wisdom is meant to slow your thought process down and help you sort things out.

Prayerfully go through each question and spend time in careful reflection.



HOW TO ORGANIZE THIS RESOURCE

- This resource is meant to stay organized. (You can use a 3 ring binder or folder of your choice.)
- Mix, mingle, and organize the pages in a system that works for you.
- Print off more individual pages as needed. Try double-sided printing for the notes/prayers/bible verse pages to conserve space and keep your thoughts flowing.
- A colored assortment of blank tabs are included in this resource so you can divide everything into sections and label your segments or add additional resources.
- Get creative! Use stickers, washi tape, colored pencils, markers etc...the possibilities are endless to personalize this resource.

8 Practical Ways to Pursue Wisdom

- Take the next 31 days and read one chapter of Proverbs each day. Journal about any insights into your decision or take notes on God's prompting.
- Grab a set of notecards and compile Bible verses on wisdom, discernment, or other subjects related to your decision. Memorize!
- Create a worship playlist focusing on the goodness of God.
- Set a specific time to fast and pray over your upcoming decision. Include others to join you during that time for support and accountability.
- Ask the Lord for confirmations to your decision or to expose any plans of the enemy. Keep your heart, eyes, ears, and mind open to what God reveals.
- Keep a written record of answered prayers, redirected paths, as well as closed doors. Take time to praise Him for each answer.
- Seek godly counsel from a trusted mentor, parent, pastor, or biblical counselor.
- Test your flesh! Take a break from the situation/decision to clear your heart and mind. Take a day away, a long walk, or a mini vacation with the express intent of getting fresh air and the Lord's perspective.

Would you like a great worship playlist while you seek His will?



Simply Worship Spotify Playlist

(click the pink link above)

or go to

<https://open.spotify.com/user/sherylaeschliman5?si=36a93af3fd124920>



My deadlines:



Questions For Your Heart

- Does this take time or emotional energy away from my current obligations, so that my top priorities are neglected? (family time, financial issues, spouse, career goals, etc.)
- Does this damage or brighten my testimony?
- Will this be a life-giving, positive influence on my spouse, children, extended family, or peers? (or future spouse and children. Consider physically, mentally, spiritually, sexually, and financially)
- Do I have an unrealistic view of reality or natural consequences? ex: The false notion that if I do something that is in direct opposition to God, that He is obligated to save me from the negative natural consequences of my poor choices. (The attitude that God would never let that happen to me.)
- What sacrifices do I need to make or is there anything I need to surrender?
- Is this causing *unhealthy or unnatural* divisions with my trusted friends, family, spouse, spiritual family etc?
- What specific scriptures will help guide this decision making process?
- Is the Holy Spirit guiding my decision making process?
- Am I willing to sin to get my way, or have I sinned in order to get this far in the decision-making process?
- When friends, family members, or my spouse discuss the decision with me, do I become defensive, angry, close-minded, or unwilling to see their viewpoints?
- Do others see negative changes to my personality, mental health, relationships, or my stress levels as a result of this decision or this decision making process?
- Am I open to listen to a godly viewpoint that doesn't agree with my desired outcome?





Questions For Your Heart

- Am I spending time in fervent prayer, fasting, focused devotions, or involved in an in-depth Bible study/biblically based book that will help guide me through this process?
- Am I seeking Biblical, godly counsel from a trusted Christian mentor(s) or pastor(s) that will not only enable me to broaden my thinking, but keep my best interest in mind? If so, am I sharing truths that will give my mentor or pastor accurate information that will help them guide me, or am I holding back details from them to get my desired outcome?
- Am I surrounding myself with unhealthy relationships, ungodly friends, or negative influences that are leading me away from clear thinking as I make my decision?
- Is any part of this decision against biblical principles, standards, or commands?
- What fears are surrounding this decision?
- Do I have a clear calling from God on this?
- Do I have people who are willing to speak truth into my life, even if it hurts?
- Am I sacrificing or bending my non-negotiable core beliefs or values to get my desired outcome? (relationally, spiritually, mentally, financially, physically, sexually, or ethically)
- What promises in scripture can I claim regarding this decision?
- Does this use my God given gifts and abilities in a way that brings honor to God and dignity to me?
- Have I noticed God's confirmations and open doors?
- Are closed doors a sign of God's protection?
- Am I looking forward to the final answer with hope, joy, and confidence in the Lord to come through, or am I dreading it? Why, or why not?





Questions For Your Heart

- Have I surrendered the outcome to God at a heart level?
- Am I following my head (facts) or my heart (emotions)?
- Am I seeking human advice over biblical truth?
- What positive/negative results can I expect to happen as a result of this decision?
- Who holds me accountable?
- Am I being manipulated by others, pressured, persuaded, or subtly (or not so subtly!) controlled by someone with ulterior motives into making this decision because it benefits them? (physically, sexually, emotionally, financially)
- Could God be using this decision as a stepping stone to something even bigger or better for me?
- Do those in authority over me approve or encourage this? (pastor, leader, husband, or (if single) godly parents/siblings)
- Have I avoided or ignored any "red flags" in the decision making process?
- Does this allow God to move more freely in my life?
- Does this show others how Christ is living in me and that I am living for Him?
- Am I obeying the Lord's clear promptings or am I reluctant to obey because He might not give me my desired outcome?
- Does this gratify my flesh or glorify God?
- Is any part of this equation toxic?
- Does this bring dishonor to my reputation as a person, employee, member of a faith community?
- Is this what I really want my life to look like?
- What spiritual warfare am I experiencing?





Questions For Your Heart

- Am I making excuses, rationalizing, or justifying?
- Where will this decision take me in 5-10 years, and does this trajectory honor God?
- Is this leading me into a more biblical lifestyle or is it ensnaring me into compromise?
- Do I have an unsettled sense that God has bigger or better plans for my life?
- Am I worshipping my way through this decision making process?
- Am I hiding details about this decision from the ones I love so I can have their approval?
- Is this decision reversible? If so, what will be the potential joyful rewards, or heartache of natural consequences?
- If this decision is permanent, have I considered the impact (physically, emotionally, sexually, spiritually, or financially) that this will have on my spouse, family, children? (or on a future spouse and children.)
- Am I willing to let this go if I sense this decision is not God's best?
- Have I manipulated people and/or situations to get my desired result?
- Does this increase my reliance and trust in God, or am I relying on my own strength, wisdom, or skills?
- Am I only seeing what I want to see, and not taking a balanced approach to this decision? (Am I ignoring negatives and choosing to only look at the positives or vice-versa?)
- Have I taken the time to talk with (or observe) others who have made a similar decision? If so, what wisdom can I glean from their experience?

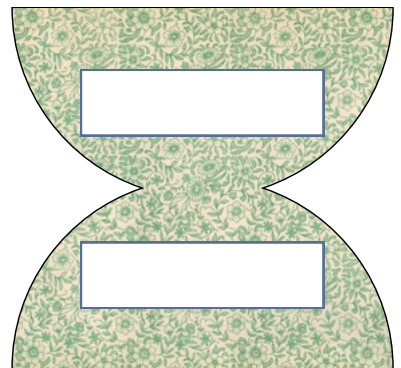
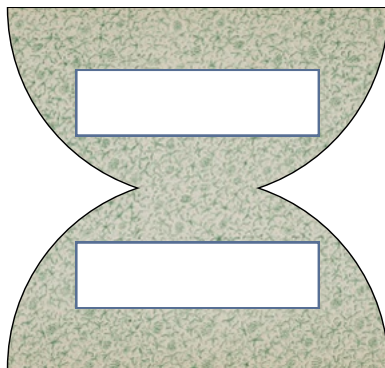
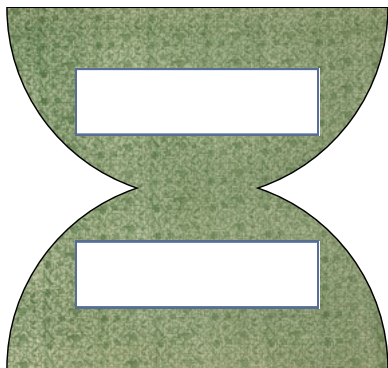
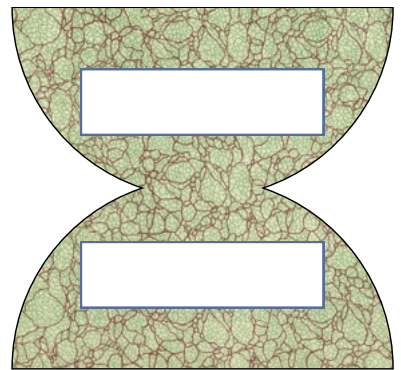
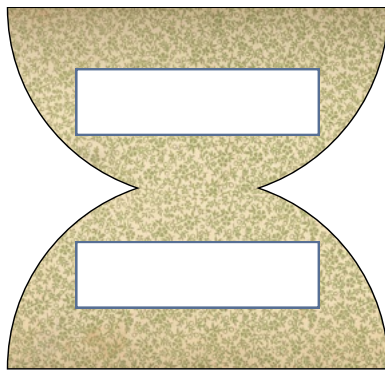
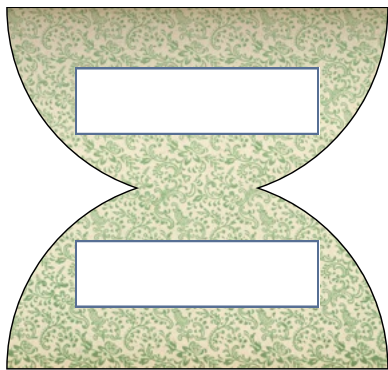
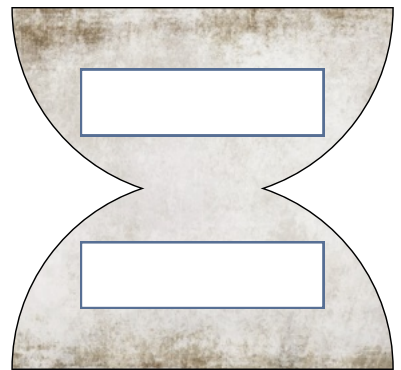
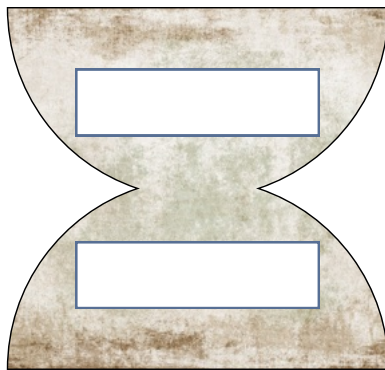
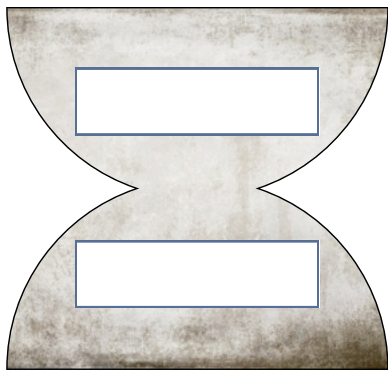
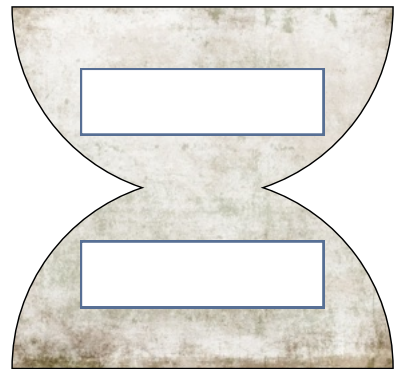
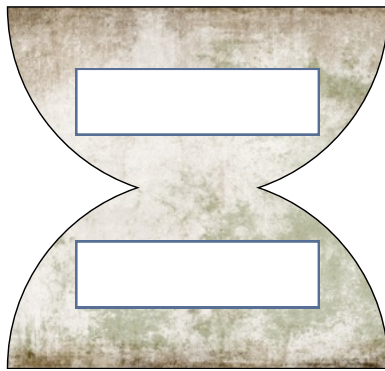
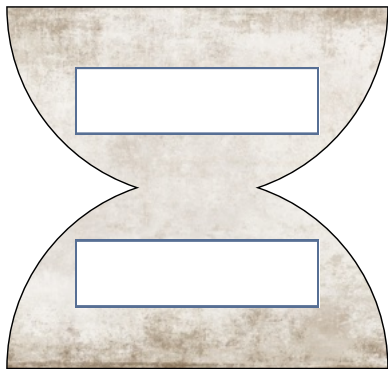




Questions For Your Heart

- Am I being teachable through Scripture?
- Am I willing to accept any negative effects this decision will have in order to fulfill God's calling in my life?
- Do I see this decision making me a stronger, healthier, happier person who is more stable and equipped to embrace life challenges with a positive attitude?
- What are the pro's and con's? (physically, spiritually, financially, emotionally, sexually, relationally or other.)
- What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do?
- Is this decision bringing about a brighter future for me and will it empower me to serve Christ in a deeper way?
- Do I have spiritual pride, an inflated ego, or false humility?
- Do I have any unsettled thoughts or feelings which have become deal-breakers?
- Am I willing to still obey God if He answers "no" to my desired outcome?
- Am I in a place of peace and trust, knowing that through faith, His will for me is good and right?
- Am I being hypocritical in this decision making process?
- Is this an idol in my life?
- Has God placed His blessing on this?
- Do I have a posture of godly humility?
- What Biblical stories or characters can give me guidance?
- What fears are keeping me from taking next steps?
- What lies am I believing about this decision?
- What truths do I need to accept concerning this decision?
- Do I need to repent of anything in order to gain more clarity?
- ...and last but not least, Is this a wise decision and the best choice I can possibly make based on prayer, scripture, and confirmation?





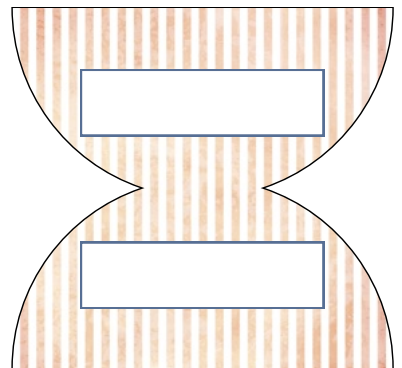
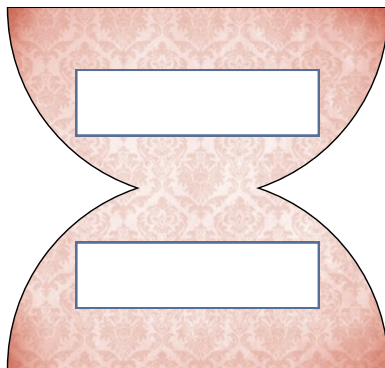
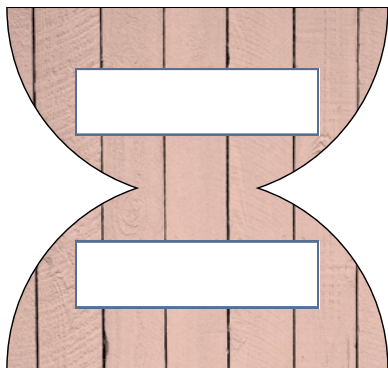
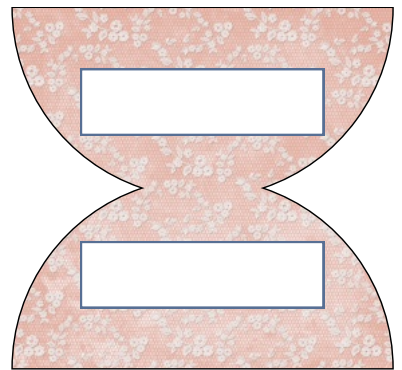
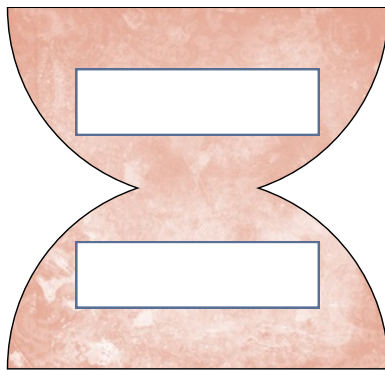
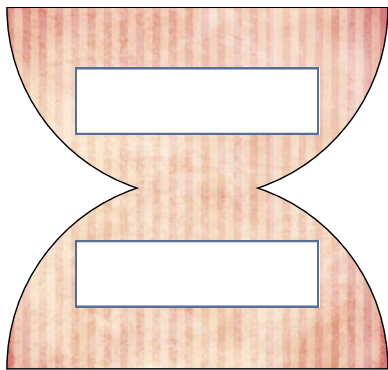
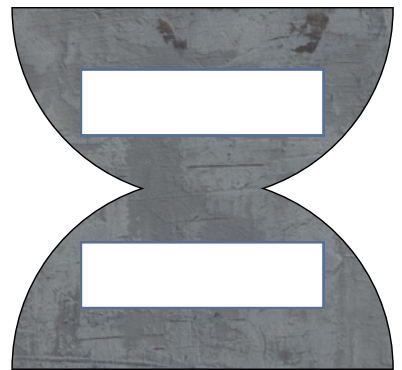
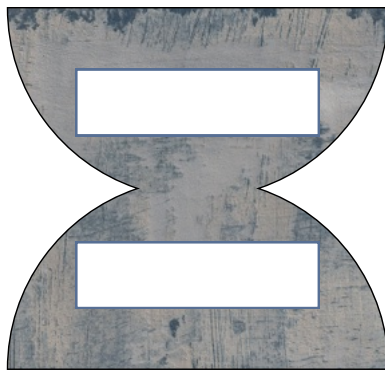
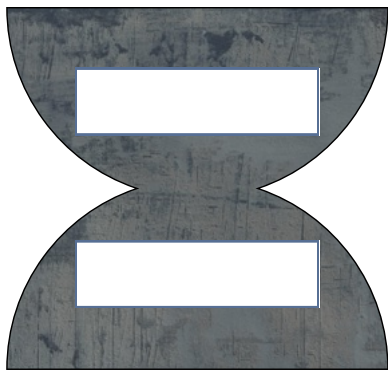
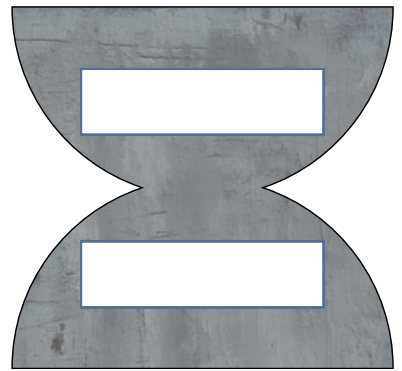
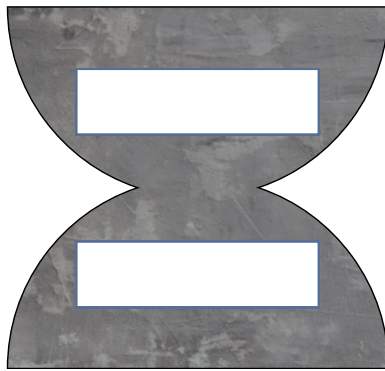
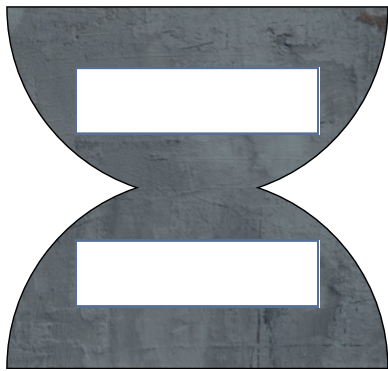




FIG. 5

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MY WORSHIP LIST













WHAT'S NEXT?



Thank you!

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