

2. Know (and love) your advisors before you need them.

3. Be honest and transparent

4. Talk things through (if you're that kind of person)

5. Get your advisors talking together

Lunch for your "personal board of directors?"

Conclusion

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Core Seminars—Guidance **Class 5: Tools of the Trade Part 1**



Introduction

Are dreams, visions, audible voices, etc. the ordinary means that God guides Christians today?

I. Using God's Word

A. Wrong ways to use God's word in decision-making

1.

2.

B. The right way to use God's Word

Four categories of Scripture

1. Specific commands: obey them.

2. Biblical principles: let these guide your decision. Example: Ephesians 5:5-7; Romans 1:32

3. Biblical goals and motives: let the Bible sit in judgment on your own goals and motives
4. Wisdom: over the years, let the Bible reshape how you think (Psalm 1, meditate day and night on God's Word)

II. Using Prayer

A. How we shouldn't pray

- 1.
- 2.

B. How we should pray

⁹ Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. – Matthew 6:9-13

What does Matthew 6:9-13 teach us about how we should pray?

1. Pray to God as Father

2. Pray for His Will and not ours

3. Pray daily for guidance

Pray through Scripture related to the decisions we're making.

III. Using Counsel

A. Foolish ways to seek counsel

- 1.
- 2.

B. How to seek counsel (Prov. 12:15, 13:10, 15:22, 19:20)

1. Who to talk to?
 - Someone who is Godly and wise
 - Someone who knows the Bible
 - Someone who knows you
 - Someone who knows your situation