

that you have in which this particular decision may perhaps give you a chance to strengthen them, and to develop an ability that would be tremendously important if you do it. Make this a specific step to enumerate these and list these facts without jumping to any conclusion.

Seventh. Evaluate these facts now after you have listed them. Evaluate the facts. Make careful examination and comparison. Think of the areas, but don't try to make an ultimate decision yet. It's so easy to look at this and say, Oh, I ought to do this. Look at this, No, I won't do that! It keeps you from seeing the importance of other facts. Carefully evaluate them first. Here's something that looks in this direction and yet it might fall in that direction. Here is something that looks as if that isn't it, and yet there are these reasons that might look toward it. Evaluate them without trying to make decisions.

Eighth. In your evaluation, stress the primary purpose of God for all Christians. A normal, growing Christian life. Carrying out obligations Caring for family needs. Relations to those about you where you are. What are you doing here that is part of your duty to God. Stress the primary purpose. God wants you to help others to grow spiritually. How will that enter into each point on which a decision needs to be made?

When an idea comes into your head. Check it against these ~~purp~~ purposes even if it seems very far out. So often it seems irrelevant, irrelevant that comes into your head leads to you to think of something else you might not have thought of. that is important in making the decision.

Ninth. Do not jump to conclusions. Think matters through. So often people make this decision and are ~~not~~ happy about it, and wish they had not made it. They make this decision and then become unhappy. As James says, One that is uncertain is like the waves of the sea tossed to and fro--jumping to conclusions. James says, If anyone lacks wisdom let him ask of God that gives liberally . . . but do not jump to conclusions, but move forward steadily and slowly ~~when~~ when it comes to all important decisions. Do not jump to conclusions. Think matters through, and do not decide important matters on sudden impulse.

I've known many cases where people take a sudden impulse and move forward in that direction and regret it all the rest of their lives. God wants us to think things ~~xxxx~~ through. He wants us to make wise decisions because we don't neglect to look at all facets that may be involved in that.

Tenth. Do not expect necessarily to see far ahead. You may be ~~able~~ able to see what is going to develop in years ahead. You may not be able to. God wants you to decide in the light of the knowledge you have, but things can change radically from what you expected.

Eleventh. Don't waste time on unimportant decisions. How easy it is to get all excited and confused about ~~decid~~ deciding some matters that really don't matter, whether you do this ~~or-reiter~~ or whether you do that. Someone is so concerned: Should I go as a missionary to this country or to that country? Maybe you would do a fine work here and a fine work there! Maybe it doesn't matter. On the other hand it may be tremendously important. God know. He knows facts you don't know anything about. He knows future developments that you cannot even imagine. Don't jump~~x~~ to