

“In the beginning was the Word...”

Genesis Decision Grid

For Making Tough Decisions



What Problem Are You Needing to Solve?

- The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.
- The earth (you) were without form (confused) and void (empty - have no solutions) and darkness was upon the FACE of the deep (misery, adversity, even dread settles over your soul and is discernable when someone looks at your face.)





Order and Planning

- Genesis 1:1-31 describes creation in a specific order, from light to mankind, suggesting a structured approach to tasks.
- This can teach us about the importance of planning and organizing our decisions. Each step in the creation process builds upon the previous, indicating that thoughtful sequencing can lead to successful outcomes.



Purpose and Intent

- God's creation is described with specific purposes, like light for day and night, or plants for food, showing that decisions should be guided by clear objectives.
- God speaks with specific goals and each result aligns with a larger design.
- Effective decision-making requires clarity of purpose. Before acting, consider the desired outcome and align actions with that goal.



CONCLUSION

Reflection and Evaluation

- After each day's work, God reflects on what has been made, stating "it was good."
- This practice of pausing to evaluate outcomes can be crucial in decision-making. It teaches us to assess our decisions, learn from them, and make adjustments if necessary.



Rest and Balance

- The seventh day, where God rests, underscores the importance of balance.
- In decision-making, this could mean recognizing when to pause, reflect, and not over-extend oneself. It teaches the value of rest as part of productivity and decision-making processes.



Incremental Progress

- The narrative doesn't rush through creation but takes it day by day.
- This can be seen as advice for breaking down complex decisions into manageable parts, tackling them one step at a time, which can lead to more thorough and less overwhelming decision-making.



Creativity and Innovation

- The variety and innovation in creation suggest that decision-making should not be confined to what has been done before but should embrace creativity.
- This encourages looking for new solutions or approaches in problem-solving.



Stewardship and Responsibility

- People are given dominion over the earth, indicating responsibility.
- Decisions should thus consider long-term impacts, not just immediate benefits, reflecting stewardship over resources, time, and relationships.



DAY 1: Light, Separation of Day From Night

- *“And God said, Let there be light.”*
- Decisions require clarity and distinction. Like separating light from darkness, identifying what is essential can illuminate the path forward.
- Bring clarity (light) to your goals and identify distractions (darkness) to set a clear foundation for action.



And God Saw That The Light Was Good

- And God separated the light from the darkness.
- Separate the known from the unknown, the seen from the unseen, the facts from the speculation. What do we know with certainty? This could include the pros and the cons. What do you see so far? Let there be vision

God Called the Light Day, and the Darkness he Called Night.

- The primary signification appears to be the heat of the day in part because the root of the word means to be warm.
- As part of your decision-making process, you could ask, what stirs passion in you? What gets your juices flowing? Sometimes you feel a certain thrust towards something. That may well be a leading. (Toronto, Panama, etc.)



The Spirit was Moving or Hovering

- The first thing spoken was Let there be light.
- The first part of any decision is where is the Spirit moving? What is God blessing? (Bible Inc) What is the Spirit of God speaking to your spirit
- Romans 8:14 - As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.



Day 2: Sky, Separation of waters

- *“And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.”*
- Setting Boundaries.
- Establish the parameters or scope of the decision within which you will operate to ensure order and focus in your decision-making process.



Typology

- Water is a type of information or knowledge.
- There is knowledge you can pick up through natural observation. Read books, walk in the woods, study nature, etc. (water below)
- There is also knowledge or insight that comes from above. Perhaps a word of knowledge that God may speak.



The Visible Heavens

- The heavens here, refer to the sky that you can see. God created a big space between the waters that he called Heaven. He created a space to think, where you ponder what you know in natural terms and what He may reveal from above.
- And you think. Thinking is a lost art. The only thing I like about Think and Grow Rich book is the title... THINK. Peter Daniels example.
- We often spend time worrying, but try thinking, not just replaying your concerns.





Day 3: Let the Dry Land Appear

- *“And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear.”*
- Separate the concrete (solid) from the sea of information.
- What is rock solid that you can build on?
- Foundation and Productivity
- Lay a solid foundation for sustainability.
- Consider the long-term impact of your actions and enable growth.



Day 3: Let the Earth Sprout...

- *And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.”*
- Start with the simple things, that will give you immediate feedback
- Vegetables may represent the small steps, small decisions. Make them first when you don't know the future details. But only the small decisions that won't mess you up on a big one in a big way later. For example, ???



Day 4: Sun, Moon, and Stars

- *“And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.”... And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.”*
- **Give Light:**
- **Divide day from night:**

Day 4: Sun, Moon, and Stars

- **Signs:** What indicators are telling you
- **Seasons:** Appointed times. Timing is important.
- **Days:** Establish a framework for timing and measurement. What's your immediate time frame?
- **Years:** Track progress and ensure alignment with broader goals. How does that fit into the larger time frame?
- **Rule:** Seek authoritative input



Day 5: Sea Creatures and Birds

- Diversity and Creativity: Look for creative solutions with multiple approaches or outcomes.
- Foster creativity and variety in your decisions. Try different combinations.
- Let the water below bring forth.
- Then go with the inspired ideas from above.



Day 6: Land Animals and Humans

- *“And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind:... And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:”*
- Delegation and Responsibility:
- Cattle: Service - How will you serve?
- Creeping: Detail - what will that cost?
- Beast: Get it done - Who’s going to get it done?



Day 7: Rest

- Reflection and Renewal
- Take time to reflect and celebrate accomplishments.
- Rest and recharge for future decisions.
- Evaluate outcomes, learn, and rest before the next cycle of decisions.
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