

LUCILLE'S CHOICE

The Terrene Gazette's deadlines are looming! Lucille has no time to finish. What choices does she have to make to get things done?

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Making wise choices.

1. <u>Proverbs 19:20</u> says, "Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise." What do you think this verse means? Describe a time that you were glad you followed someone else's advice. Describe what happened because of it.

2.In <u>Joshua 5:13-6:27</u>, Joshua had just been named the commander of the Israelite army. His job was to lead this army and conquer each city in a brand new land, and the first city on his map is Jericho. Jericho has a thick wall all around it. There's no way to get into Jericho, but somehow he had to make a plan. How was he going to do it? Where does Joshua get advice from? An angel instructs Joshua to follow God's commands for the attack on Jericho. Joshua receives God's help to do a very difficult task. As you listen to this episode, think about the times that you've had trouble with knowing the best thing to do.

Memory Verse

²⁰ Pay attention to advice and accept correction, so you can live sensibly. **Proverbs 19:20**

After You Listen

In this episode, Lucille had to make a difficult decision. She asked someone for advice. What will you do the next time you have to make a difficult decision? Here are three ways that you can look to God in order to make a good decision:

- Read the Bible. Psalm 119: 1 says, "I treasure your word above all else; it keeps me from sinning against you."
- 2. Pray to God for help. James 1:5 says, "If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you. God is generous and won't correct you for asking."
- 3. Ask people that you can trust. Proverbs 13:10 says, "Too much pride causes trouble. Be sensible and take advice."

So what should you do when you have a decision to make and you don't know what to do? Do what Joshua did—look for God's answer in Him and in the people around you.

Want to dig deeper and learn more decision-making? Check out Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 37:7 and James 4:7.

Challenge

Identify a difficult decision that you are struggling with and design a 'plan of action' for making those tough decisions. Maybe some difficult decisions are what sport to play, or what project to tackle next, or how to confront a friend. Make sure your plan includes these three things: the Bible, prayer and the advice people

you trust. Make a list of who you are going to consult when you face a difficult decision.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What was making Lucille so busy?

Answer: A piano recital and a regular column in the newspaper.

Question 2: What happened when she tried to do too many things?

Answer: She didn't do her homework and got a bad grade on a test.

Question 3: Who did she talk to about her problem first?

Answer: Her mom first, and then Granny.

Question 4: What did Granny suggest that she do?

Answer: Granny told her to call Mr. Hyde and ask if she could start writing the column after her piano recital.

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