

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.”*

**James 1:5**

We have all encountered times in our lives when we have choices to make and there just doesn't seem to be a clear answer! Sometimes we feel a pull in one direction, but we are not sure if that draw is from our own personal desires or if it is from the Lord. There was a time this past year when I was in a situation where I had to make a choice. One of the choices would have allowed me to be with family and a close friend and the other choice would have been an opportunity for me to be productive and “get stuff done.” Being a Type A personality, I was leaning toward staying home and getting things done, but felt torn about the decision. The answer may seem obvious to some, but it is not always obvious to the one faced with the decision. I decided to get on my knees to pray and allow the Holy Spirit to lead me. During that time in prayer, the Holy Spirit helped me think through what I wanted and to weigh the different options and outcomes. Through that time of prayer, He transformed my heart and showed me exactly what I was supposed to do. I arose from that time of prayer with a changed heart and confident about my decision! The answer, as you might suspect, was to spend time with my family and friends and put my “to do” list away! I was richly blessed by the experience and so very happy that that was the choice that I made! God knows the answer and it is amazing how *He* will answer our prayer if we will just take the time to ask *and* take the time to listen! He cares about the little details of our life and wants us to share with Him our thoughts, desires, questions, concerns, and doubts. He wants to “hold our hand” throughout our life and even carry us when we need it! So the next time you are faced with a decision, large or small, take the time to **stop, pray** and **listen** and **He** will help you make the right one!

*Dear Lord, Thank You that You care about the little details of our life and that You want us to bring all of these things to You! Help us to slow down and take the time to pray and listen all the while believing that You will lead us in the right direction. Amen.*

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