Decision Making

Respond to the following statement: It is possible to be confident and sure that a decision is what the Lord wants. ____ yes ____ no  Why or Why not? ________________________

Mark all that apply:
Sometimes I make decisions based on:

_____ personal desires  _____ luck of the draw  _____ Obligation
_____ a sign  _____ guilt  _____ Scripture
_____ personal research  _____ prayer  _____ I felt like it
_____ my best friend’s suggestions  _____ Logic
_____ someone I trusted

In your own words define Wisdom: __________________________________________

What do these passages have to say regarding God’s wisdom versus the world’s wisdom?
James 3:13-17 ________________________________________________________________
I Corinthians 3:18-20 _________________________________________________________
I Corinthians 1:26-31 _________________________________________________________

Where does the Bible say Godly wisdom comes from?
Proverbs 9:10 _______________________________________________________________
Proverbs 2:6 _______________________________________________________________
Ephesians 1:17 ______________________________________________________________

Can you trust God for guidance and direction? How do these passages describe God?
Matthew 7:7-11 ______________________________________________________________
Hebrews 13:8 ______________________________________________________________
Psalm 111:7 _________________________________________________________________
Lamentations 3:22-23 _________________________________________________________
Titus 1:1-3 _________________________________________________________________

What should you be careful to avoid when asking God for guidance?
James 4:3 ________________________________________________________________

What are some wrong motives you might have in asking for things? ______________
Read Galatians 1:10
Why do you think we seek mankind's approval? ________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Read Matthew 6:25-32
What does worrying imply about how you feel about God’s ability to provide? ______
________________________________________________________________________

What should your attitude be when asking for the Lord’s direction in your life?
Matthew 6:33
Attitude: _____________________________________________________________________
Result of this attitude: _____________________________________________________________________

Psalm 37:4
Attitude: _____________________________________________________________________
Result of this attitude: _____________________________________________________________________

Mark 11:24
Attitude: _____________________________________________________________________
Result of this attitude: _____________________________________________________________________

What actions should you take when seeking the Lord’s direction in your life? Check which avenue(s) would be most appropriate in each passage.
James 1:5: __Prayer   __God’s Word   __Godly council   __Waiting on the Lord  __Obey
Proverbs 12:15: __Prayer   __God’s Word   __Godly council   __Waiting on the Lord  __Obey
Proverbs 19:20: __Prayer   __God’s Word   __Godly council   __Waiting on the Lord  __Obey
John 15:7: __Prayer   __God’s Word   __Godly council   __Waiting on the Lord  __Obey

What does Isaiah warn us about in the following verses?
Isaiah 50:10-11 _____________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

OPTIONAL CASE STUDY: The life of King Asa - II Chronicles 14,15 & 16

What did Asa do well? (Chapters 14-15)
What mistake did Asa make? (16:1-6) Why did he make it?
How did God respond to Asa’s decision? (16:7-9a)
What were the consequences Asa suffered? (16:9b)
How did Asa respond back to God and to others? (16:10)
How could Asa have responded differently? (16:12b)
After honoring the Lord for years, can you make the same mistake Asa made?
What is the only way you can avoid making wrong/sinful decisions?
Memorize II Chronicles 16:9a
“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.”

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