



DECISION MAKING

Read about Aaron's Breastpiece of Decision in Exodus 28: 15-29

Big decisions are seldom simple, or black and white... but God will always give us the means to make any decision. All our decisions should come from our heart and in harmony with God.

Consider important steps for making a wise decision... especially when it comes to serious matters. Since we are God's creation, how can we allow God a say in the process.

Creating a decision bead bracelet or plaque can be a tool reminding us of the important steps in making decisions.



1. Self-Examination:

- Why do I feel moved to make this decision? (*carnelian, orange*)
- What do I expect out of this decision? (*topaz, dark yellow*)
- How do I know if the decision is just or correct? (*emerald, green*)
- Does God get what God wants, not what I tell God I want? (*garnet, deep red*)

2. Examine the issue:

- What's the real issue at hand? (*sapphire, dark blue*)
- Why is this issue concerning me? (*beryl, lemon yellow to golden*)

3. Expand your knowledge base:

- Let scripture shine a light on the situation (*jacinth, light blue*)
- Are there examples of how other people dealt with a similar situation that would be good to follow? (*agate, rock*)
- What is the Church's stand on an issue that relates to the situation.... and why? (*amethyst, purple*)

4. Expectations

- What do I intend to accomplish? (*chrysolite, greenish yellow*)
- What are my expectations? (*onyx, black*)
- Can God respond to these expectations? (*jasper, marbled red and tan*)