

SMALL GROUP NEXT STEP IDEAS

Instructions: We all have next steps we need to take. This week we are featuring potential next steps you might take in a specific area you need to STOP. We hope this list will help get your ideas flowing!

- STOP taking your family and/or co-workers for granted.
- STOP participating in counter-productive conversations and activities.
- STOP burning your candle on both ends.
- STOP eating before you're full.
- STOP skipping your workout.
- STOP skipping small group.
- STOP bringing home your work - it will still be there tomorrow.
- STOP being impatient while you're waiting in line.
- STOP making excuses.
- STOP making snap judgments - you may be wrong.
- STOP flirting with anyone who isn't your spouse.
- STOP and think before you post on social media.
- STOP spending more money than you make.
- STOP asking for friends and BE a friend.
- STOP abusing alcohol.
- STOP putting off that one thing you know you're supposed to do.

We are excited to see what NEXT STEP you STOP. Email us at NextStep@myriversidechurch.com and let us know what you've decided to STOP. (We'd like to post what Riversiders are doing on Riverside's Instagram & Facebook page during the journey. We'll include your NEXT STEP if you'd like - just let us know!)



DIVINE DIRECTION

MESSAGE NOTES &
NEXT STEP IDEAS

STOP

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“STOP”
[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

The choices we make today shape what our _____ will be tomorrow.

The person we are today is by in large the _____ of the decisions we’ve made in the past.

We make our decisions and our decisions _____.

1. Why We Need to “_____”

Note II Corinthians 12

Note I Corinthians 16:5-9

God doesn’t always show us specifically what to do, but He will give us _____ to decide. (Groeschel)

Note Proverbs 4:7

We don’t develop wisdom by being impulsive or _____ that just because something sounds/looks good that it must be God’s will.

2. _____

Show me your _____ and I’ll show you your future.
It’s almost impossible to live the right life when you have the _____. (Groeschel)

...we need more to help us navigate the influences of our culture that push us away from God and _____ and goodness and pull us toward unhealthy choices and _____ attitudes and actions.

This doesn’t mean not connecting with people _____ God...but “walk”/do life together with wise people.



3. _____

Note James 1:5 and Psalm 32:8

4. _____ (note James 1:6-8)

God loves us enough to give us the _____ to make decisions...

Note I Thessalonians 3:1

Now there is always some _____...because neither you nor I are _____ beings.

Our preferences/desires/opinions/biases can interfere/_____ God’s wisdom in our hearts and minds.

We may make a m_____ now and then...but we serve a God who never _____ anything...so we also get wisdom.

When it comes to Divine direction:

- God is more interested in our character than our _____.
- None of us know the future.
- So the best way to receive divine direction is to _____ with Jesus today.
- Note Psalm 25:8-9; 32:8

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2. Walk

Show me your friends and I'll show you your future.

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...we need more to help us navigate the influences of our culture that push us away from God and truth and goodness and pull us toward unhealthy choices and sinful attitudes and actions.

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3. Ask

Note James 1:5 and Psalm 32:8

4. Decide (note James 1:6-8)

God loves us enough to give us the freedom to make decisions...

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