

*Teach me to serve you as
you deserve, to give and
not to count the cost—
to fight & not to heed
the wounds, to toil and
not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to seek
reward, except that
of knowing that I do
your will.*

St Ignace

1. **Pray.** First of all, give thanks. Then lay all things at God's feet. Prayer is especially helpful when you're confused and don't know

which way to go. Pray because you know God cares. He cares about your confusion. Believe God will give you strength to work through your decisions.

2. **Use a decision-making process.** Make simple lists of pros and cons. Brainstorm options. Gather information. Use other decision-making techniques. Do what's appropriate for you. "Appropriate" is the key word. Some people gather more data deciding where to eat than which school to attend. God will work through your decision-making process as he constantly works through everyday means.

3. **Live boldly.** Be confident that your decisions will turn out well. You're living in God's grace. God doesn't keep score of your decisions—home runs, foul balls or even strike outs. He knows your decisions in advance and is prepared to bless you as you live them out.

I remember once struggling with a job change. A pastor friend said: "You know you can't go wrong. God will bless you here or there." God's will is that you love and serve him. He hasn't devised a secret life plan for which you have to hunt. His secret is this: "Christ is in you" (Colossians 1:27). ☐



See!
I will not
forget you . . .

I have carved
you
on the palm
of my hand.

Isaiah 49:15

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

A ct instead of argue
B uild instead of brag
C limb instead of criticize
D ig instead of depreciate
E ncourage instead of envy
F ight instead of faint
G ive instead of grumble
H elp instead of harm
I nvite instead of ignore
J oin instead of jeer
K neel instead of kick
L ove instead of lampoon
M ove instead of mold
N uture instead of neglect
O bey instead of object
P ray instead of pout
Q ualify instead of quit
R escue instead of ridicule
S hout instead of shrink
T ry instead of tremble
U ndergird instead of undermine
V indicate instead of vilify
W itness instead of wilt
EX alt instead of excuse
Y ield instead of yell
Z ip instead of zig-zag

"The right time to do God's will is always
immediately upon perceiving it."

**He who is reunited with God,
the creative Ground of Life,
the power of Life in everything
that lives, is reunited with
life. He feels accepted by it
and he can love it. Paul Tillich**

*The lament of a bishop: "Wherever Jesus went there was a
revolution; wherever I go people serve tea!"*

*When a million people follow you, ask yourself where have you
gone wrong.*

DILEMMA FOR THE TRULY HUMBLE

Two men died and waited at the Pearly Gates for admission into heaven. "We've got room for only one more," Saint Peter declared. Which one of you is more humble?"