

“How to make great decisions”
Exodus 28:29-30

“Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD.³⁰ Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron’s heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the LORD.”

Exodus 28:29-30 NIV

1. Our lives are significantly shaped and defined by our decisions.
 - Friends; religion; education; career; marriage; money; time; passion
 - The subsequent impact of decisions (3 decisions that continue to incredibly influence my life)
 - Arbuckle Mts. December 1974 (39 years)
 - Morris Memorial Baptist Church February 1, 1980 (32 years)
 - 3415 East 14th street December 1989 (25 years)
2. Moses introduces some interesting concepts that can illuminate the process of making godly decisions.
 - The Holy Place (God’s presence)



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- The breastpiece of decision (God’s will)



- The Urim and the Thummim (God's voice)



3. All godly decisions have two essential elements.
 - “over his heart” v. 30 (Proverbs 4:23; Acts 24:16; Romans 12:1-2)
 - “before the Lord” v. 30 (Psalm 16:7-8; Proverbs 3:5-6; Jeremiah 6:16)
4. Every decision we make affects not only our lives but others connected to us.
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