

DECISION MAKING PYRAMID

Evaluate

Choose

**Learning from
the Past**

Wise Counsel

Desires

Walk with God

Obedience

Submission

Purpose

HOW TO MAKE WISE CAREER DECISIONS

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Master the “Decision Making Pyramid” (see following page)

Essential Priorities

Start broad in your 20's
Maintain a mentoring relationship
Focus on training and development

Helpful Perspectives

See missteps as veering not crashing
It is your career not your parent's career
You're too young to know it all
Use free resources while they are free

Extremes to Avoid

Safe approach
Impulsive approach
Agonizing and Paralysis approach
Intuitive approach

Wise Approach

1. Know Yourself

- a. Take the Strong Inventory
- b. Write down everything you have learned about yourself
- c. Ask friends to tell you how they perceive you
- d. List your important values

2. Know Your Interests

- a. Aptitude tests can be misleading
- b. Think through your past experiences
 - 1) What have you enjoyed
 - 2) What have you disliked

3. Match Careers with what you know about yourself & your interests

- a. Talk to people in the fields of your interests
- b. Research in your field of interest