

Let God Guide You

The United States Marine Corps has three simple words that every leader must adhere to:

1. Decide
2. Communicate
3. Execute

Leaders must first make a decision, then communicate that decision, and execute (follow up) on that decision. The word 'maybe' is not typically part of a Marine leader's vocabulary, because it opens the door for indecisiveness, which can lead to disaster.

Whether you're leading a company of Marines, a skilled nursing center or an assisted living or retirement center, your ability to be a decision-maker is crucial to those under your leadership. Our world is desperate for godly men and women to step up and be the leaders that God has designed us to be, but that doesn't just happen by chance. If we want to live as God designed us – the purposes for which He created us – then we must allow God's Word and the Holy Spirit to guide us.

It is easy to allow the ambiguity of 'maybe' to invade our decision-making process, instead of giving a yes or no answer to those seeking our guidance or approval. Some decisions are complicated, but there's always a truth residing at the core of every challenge or problem.

Our challenge is to find that truth through God's guidance and to act on it in accordance with His will.

That guidance can come in several ways: Bible study, prayer, acts of service to others, wisdom from trusted fellow believers, and, of course, the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit within.

Jesus is speaking: Let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No." For whatever is more than these is from the evil one (Matthew 5:37 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter