

6 STEPS TO DECISION MAKING

for

Dads

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Consider the nature of the problem and what you're trying to resolve.
What is the situation you need to address? What is unique about it?



2

Think of all the possible choices you have.
List every possible choice, including the way-out ones. Be creative - what decisions could be made?

3

List the logical and realistic choices.

Now that you have a long list of possibilities, break your list down into those that are really unrealistic and those that could be possible.

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Evaluate your choices

Think about the possible decisions that you can realistically make. Which most fit the circumstances of the problem and of your life? If only one choice comes up, you may even come up with a clear decision at this point.

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Consequences

What are the down sides to your possible choices? Who will be affected, and how? How will your possible choices affect your life, your finances, and your relationships?

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Reflection

Think about the decision you're planning to make: what will it feel like to actually make that choice? What will it feel like to not make that choice? Is the decision you're pondering permanent or is it reversible?

Why is all this important?

It's important to have a way to consider choices, think them through, and have a process by which to make well considered decisions. The more important the decision, the more important the decision making process.





Simple questions to ask myself as I think about, and then make decisions:

- What is the issue, problem, or situation I need to address?
- What are all of my possible options?
- What is unrealistic and what is possible?
- What option fits best with the circumstances of my life?
- Who will be affected by my choices, and how? How will my possible choices affect my finances, and my relationships?
- What will it feel like to make this choice? What will it feel like to not make this choice? Is the decision permanent or is it reversible?

Should I replace my old car with a new one?			
pros (for - advantages)	score	cons (against - disadvantages)	score
better comfort	3	cost outlay will mean making sacrifices	5
lower fuel costs	3	higher insurance	3
lower servicing costs	4	time and hassle to choose and buy it	2
better for family use	3	disposal or sale of old car	2
better reliability	5	big decisions like this scare and upset me	4
it'll be a load off my mind	2		
total 6 pros	20	total 5 cons	

question/decision/option:			
pros (for - advantages)	score	cons (against - disadvantages)	score
totals		totals	