

"SELF-DECEPTION IS A REAL THING"

"There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death." Prov. 14:12; 16:25 [NLT]

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." Rom. 3:23

"Self-deception is the act of lying to yourself." Psychology Online

"But be careful. Don't let your heart be deceived so that you turn away from the Lord and serve and worship other gods." Deut. 11:16

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE:

There are things that seem _____ from our perspective,
but from God's perspective, they are _____

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." Isa. 55:8-9

"What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter." Isa. 5:20

What if we think we're _____ and God says it's _____?

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**SHOULD I?
DECISION MAKING PRINCIPLES**

1. We _____ God in prayer
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil." Prov. 3:5-7
2. We _____ what God has already said
"Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the Lord will be joyful." Prov. 16:20
3. We _____ godly counsel
"Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions." Prov. 18:2
4. We _____ our motives
"People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives." Prov. 16:2
5. We _____ all the facts
"Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish." Prov. 18:13
6. We _____ the possible outcomes
"Only simpletons believe everything they're told! The prudent carefully consider their steps." Prov. 14:15
7. We _____ on past experiences
"As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness." Prov. 26:11
8. We _____ to live in obedience to God's Word
"My child, listen and be wise: Keep your heart on the right course." Prov. 23:19
"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6

ASSIGNMENT

Read Proverbs 15. Email george@faithpointchurch.org and share in a few words what spoke to you and why