



fully human the special call of special needs

"If someone puts his trust in God in a matter, let him not argue with his brother about it." -St. Mark the Ascetic

One common challenge caregivers face is choosing optimal medical, therapeutic, and educational resources for their loved one, often having to navigate complicated health issues and uncertainties. The responsibility of making such decisions can be overwhelming, and the suggestions from even the most sincere and well-intentioned medical providers, educators, and family members may or may not coincide with the caregivers' knowledge and instinctual leanings.

Prayer always helps, and so does a humble heart open to God's guidance. Arguing with those who disagree with you, merely to justify your choices, is not helpful. A helpful course of action is to: pray, research, and discuss options with your spouse, medical team, and educators; weigh the pros and cons, listen to God's direction in prayer; and, make the most informed decisions you can with the information you have available to you. Then be at peace, trusting that God is guiding you in this process. When we trust in God, others' opinions on such matters will be of little consequence.