Making Wise Decisions at Work

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SOLOMON'S WISDOM

8 Principles from Proverbs

1. Check the **BIBLE** (Revelation)

"It is the Lord who gives <u>wisdom;</u> from him come <u>knowledge</u> and <u>understanding.</u> He provides <u>help</u> and <u>protection</u> for those who are righteous and honest."

Pr. 2:6-7 (TEV)

* Stop **LISTENING** for a **VOICE** and start **LOOKING** for a **VERSE**!

"A man is foolish to trust himself. But those who use <u>God's wisdom</u> are safe." Pr. 28:26 (LB)

ASK: What does GOD SAY?

2. Get the **FACTS**. (Information)

"Every prudent man acts out of knowledge." Pr. 13:16 (NIV)

"How stupid to decide before knowing the facts!" Pr. 18:13 (LB)

"Sensible people are careful to stay out of trouble, but stupid people are <u>careless and act</u> too quickly". Pr. 14:16 (TEV)

ASK: What do I need to KNOW?

3. Ask for ADVICE. (Consultation)

"Plans succeed through good counsel; don't go to war without the advice of others." Pr. 20:18 (NLT)

"Without advice plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed." Pr. 15:22 (GW)

"The more advice you get, the more likely you are to win." Pr. 24:6b (TEV)

ASK: Who could ADVISE me?

4. Set a GOAL. (Selection)

"An intelligent person <u>aims</u> at wise action, but a fool starts off in many directions." Pr. 17:24 (TEV)

"Look <u>straight ahead</u>, and <u>fix your eyes</u> on what lies before you. <u>Mark out a straight</u> path for your feet; then <u>stick to the path</u> and stay safe. Don't get sidetracked." Pr. 4:25-27 (NLT)

ASK: What's my GOAL and MILESTONE?

5. Count the **COST**. (Evaluation)

"It is foolish and rash to make a promise to the Lord before counting the cost." Pr. 20:25 (LB)

Luke 14:28-29

ASK: Is it WORTH it?

6. Plan for **PROBLEMS**. (Preparation)

"A sensible man <u>watches for problems ahead and prepares</u> to meet them. The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences." Pr. 22:3 (LB)

ASK: What could go WRONG? What will happen if it DOES?

7. Face my **FEARS**. (Confrontation)

"Fear of man is a dangerous <u>trap</u>, but <u>to trust in God</u> means safety." Pr. 29:25 (LB)

ASK: What am I AFRAID of?

8. Step out in **FAITH**. (Initiation)

"Trust the Lord with all your heart, and don't depend on your own understanding. Remember the Lord in all you do, and he will give you success." Pr. 3:5-6 (NCV)

ASK: Where do I need to TRUST GOD?