

**PART 5: The Maturity Question**

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## START

For some of us, having a daring side makes life fun! For others, getting close to the line of danger does not seem like a good idea at all and we stay as far away as possible. The question is not can we do it, but is it wise to do it?

- Do you like riding roller coasters? If so, what's your favorite roller coaster?
- How often do you find yourself coming up to the edge of danger?
- What are the things in your life that you need to approach with more wisdom?

## READ

[Ephsians 5:15-16](#) (NIV)

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

## THINK

When making a decision we are more likely to filter it through the filter of legality, morality, and ethically opposed to wisdom. We want to make sure we stay within the bounds of society, which is good, but we often forget to ask if the decision is wise. There can be a lot of decisions that are legal, moral, and ethical but are not wise.

- When making a decision, why are we more prone to evaluate options through the filters of legal, moral, ethical, and acceptable than through the filter of wisdom?
- Who do you know in your life that makes wise decisions?
- How can you learn from this person in your life?

When making decisions we find ourselves living in our past and allowing our past mistakes to shape our decisions. We allow what is pressing down on us presently to influence us, and we often don't plan for the future.

- How have your past decisions held you back from making wise decisions today?
- How can you look past your present situations to make wise decisions?
- How does knowing Jesus is victorious help us plan for the future?

## PRAY

“God, help me to stop and slow down when making decisions and to ask if it is the wise decision to make.”

## ACT

With each new decision you face this week, ask yourself the question, “what is the wise thing to do?” before making your decision.

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