



REAL MOMENTUM at Woodstock
A Man & His Counsel
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Definition [Counsel] - 'instruction given in directing the judgment or conduct of another.'

Counsel starts and ends with God our Wonderful Counselor-(Isaiah 9:6) 2Chronicles 18:4 "But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, "First seek the **counsel** of the Lord."

Job12:13, "To God belong wisdom and power; **counsel** and understanding are his

Psalms 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will **counsel** you with my loving eye on you."

We must seek to understand God's way as revealed in God's Word.

God's supernatural wisdom vs. conventional wisdom

Psalms 119:24, "Your statutes are my delight; they are my **counselors**."

Seek out people that have been through what you are dealing with for perspective. (i.e. My prostate surgery/ talking to several men about options)

Pray about each situation for wisdom.

James 1:5, "If any of you lacks **wisdom**, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

2 Chronicles 1:10, "Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?" Solomon asked God for wisdom and He answered his prayer!

Don't assume that previous counsel or circumstances for a new situation is the way to go. (conventional wisdom or supernatural wisdom- best financial example was paying off house +20 years ago, worst decision was investing in local bank that was a can't miss)

To help receive good counsel

- 1) Be completely honest about your situation.
- 2) Humble yourself to listen and don't be defensive
- 3) Open your heart to receive counsel
- 4) As God leads, act on the advice.

Considerations in being a counselor:

- 1) Seek God to give you wisdom to give Godly counsel
- 2) Listen and don't prejudge the situation
- 3) Use the Bible as your textbook
- 4) Help get to some action points and accountability

Don't feel like you have to fix all the problems, it may be your empathy that is required.

Sometimes people want hand of God, but do not seek His Face.

After receiving counsel:

- 1) Pray
- 2) Read God's Word- ask God for a good word and guiding word
- 3) Wait/ Listen- timing is important in the answer.
- 4) When have answer- act!

A few Bible examples of receiving counsel

Job- friends (you have sinned!) wife (curse God & die!) God (were you there when I created the earth?)

Moses- After he was worn out from ministry, he asked his father in law Jethro for Counsel and received it.

Questions for table discussion:

- 1) Discuss your best/worst example of getting counsel. What was the difference in the success or failure of the counsel received?
- 2) Discuss any current situations you need Godly counsel and pray for the person needing God's counsel.