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## bigIdea



What is the key to making great decisions? Most people would likely agree that having the right *information* is crucial to making decisions. But while information is very important, it is not the most critical factor in guaranteeing you make the right choice. In fact, if you think about, you know some really smart people who have made really dumb decisions. So what is? We'll look at something that is even more important than information when it comes to choosing your path.

BIG IDEA: Direction Begins with Submission.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When have you seen a smart person make a dumb decision? When have you made a decision that made your question your IQ?
2. *Read Proverbs 3:5.* Why does it make sense to trust God over your own judgment?
3. How can failure to trust God waste years? Describe a situation in which you saw this take place.
4. What are some of the reasons why we lean on our own understanding to make decisions, rather than trust God with them?
5. What does it mean to trust or *submit* to your heavenly Father? What does such trust or submission look like?

*Choosing the right path begins with submitting to the One who knows what's best for you better than you know what's best for you. **Submission precedes direction.***

6. *Read Proverbs 3:6.* When we acknowledge God he clears the path before us. When have you submitted a decision before God? How did it turn out?
7. Choosing the right path begins with submission, not just good information. In what way does submission differ from information in this context? How have you sometimes confused submission with information?
8. Do you normally surrender to the will of your heavenly Father, or do you tend to lean on your own wisdom and insight? Explain.
9. Do you acknowledge God in all your ways, or do you tend to pick and choose? Explain.
10. What makes you hesitate to give God full access to every part of your life?
11. What do you fear will happen if you fully submit to God?
12. *Read Proverbs 3:7.* What are the dangers of pride? When have you seen pride lead to poor decisions?
13. What is a big decision that you are facing? How can you trust God with it?

### FOR FURTHER STUDY

1. *Read 1 Kings 3:7-13.* How did Solomon's prayer demonstrate his submission to God?
2. How did God respond to Solomon's request?
3. *Read Hebrews 11:1-3, 6.* Do you see any difference between trust and faith? Why do you think *trusting in God*, or having *faith in God* such a big deal to Him?

### THINK ABOUT IT

Are you acknowledging God in all your ways? It is easy for us to trust God with the things we can't control (our health, the future, etc.), but often difficult for us to trust God with the areas that we feel some control over (our finances, career, etc.). What is an area that you are holding on to?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

In the coming week, how will you acknowledge God in this area?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. Proverbs 3:7*