

# Ask It



## “What should I do when I don’t know the wise thing to do?”

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is not always readily apparent.
  - a. When our \_\_\_\_\_ are involved.
  - b. When our \_\_\_\_\_ is lacking.
  - c. When the \_\_\_\_\_ are high.
2. All of us have \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When they don’t know what to do, wise people do \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Wise people \_\_\_\_\_ when they don’t know, and they’re not afraid to go to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Kings 3:5-12, James 1:5)
5. God will \_\_\_\_\_ us with the wisdom we need.
6. We must \_\_\_\_\_ our need.
  - *The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice. (Proverbs 1:5)*
  - *Listen to advice and accept discipline, and you will be counted among the wise. (Proverbs 12:15)*
  - *For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers. (Proverbs 19:20)*
  - *Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. (Proverbs 11:14)*
  - *The wise man knows his limitations; it is the fool who believes he has none. (Proverbs 15:22)*
7. No one rises above \_\_\_\_\_ for wise counsel.
8. Few people \_\_\_\_\_ being told what to do. Especially when it comes to:
  - a. How we allocate our \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. How we spend our \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. How we handle our \_\_\_\_\_
9. You may escape having to listen to anyone’s \_\_\_\_\_ about your decisions, you can in no way stop people from \_\_\_\_\_ one.
10. The results of our personal decisions are rarely \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Every professional athlete knows they will never reach, nor maintain, peak performance apart from \_\_\_\_\_.

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12. You will never be all you're capable of being unless you \_\_\_\_\_  
of the wise people around you.

## For Reflection:

- As you think of a decision you're currently wrestling with, what do you think is the reason you're having a hard time making up your mind? Could it be because your emotions are clouding your judgment? Or because you don't have enough knowledge to make a decision you can be confident about?
- How do you generally feel about asking other people's advice when you have a tough decision to make? Do you tend to invite input or resist it? Why?
- What was one time when you made a decision all on your own and later came to regret it? What was one time when you sought and received advice and as a result took smarter action than you otherwise would have?
- If you were in need of counsel today, who could you trust to give you good advice about your work? About your finances? About your relationships? About your spiritual life?
- As you think about a decision you have recently made, what will it mean for you to follow through on that decision? What do you need to know in order to execute the decision? What do you need to do?
- How can you submit your life, and specifically the choices you make, to the God who made you and loves you? What reasons do you have to trust God with your life and decision making? How will submitting yourself make you a better leader and a better person?

