

# Ask It



## Introduction

We're teaching on the one question that changes everything: what is the wise thing to do? In the earlier session, we suggested that we look at the question three different ways: in light of our past experience, our present experience and we left off looking at it in light of what we'd like to see in the future.

1. **Culture has a way of subtly \_\_\_\_\_ healthy moral, ethical, and financial limits.**

*“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”  
- Poet and philosopher George Santayana*

2. **In light of your \_\_\_\_\_, what is the wise thing to do?**  
(Proverbs 2:6)

3. **Your \_\_\_\_\_ is unique to you.**

4. **Your past experience must be \_\_\_\_\_ through which you evaluate every decision.** (Proverbs 3:13, Proverbs 3:21)

**In light of your past experience, what is the wise thing for you to do? What is the wise thing for you to do financially? Professionally? Relationally?**

**In light of my current circumstances, what is the wise thing to do financially? Professionally? Relationally?**

5. **Life is \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1, Matthew 6:34, Proverbs 14:29)

6. **What's wise in this season of life may be \_\_\_\_\_ in the next.**

**As you consider your:**

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| a. Frame of mind         | b. Your emotional state         |
| c. Your physical health  | d. Your current commitments     |
| e. Your current finances | f. Your future hopes and dreams |



## WHAT IS THE WISE THING TO DO?

### For Reflection:

What are some of the past decisions you have made that you regret the most? How did poor planning or self-deception contribute to those mistakes? Besides yourself, who was hurt, and how?

How has asking the question “Is there anything wrong with it?” gotten you into trouble when making decisions in the past?

How would you define wisdom?

What is a major decision you are facing right now? Analyze your options according to the following three questions:

- In light of your past experience, what is the wise thing to do? That is, what insights about your strengths and weaknesses that you have discovered through previous experience can guide your decision?
- In light of your current circumstances, what is the wise thing to do? Perhaps understanding the season of life you are in can help you determine some options.
- In light of your future hopes and dreams, what is the wise thing to do? You want to make decisions today that can help lead you to the kind of future you have in mind for yourself.

