

The Maturity Question

Good questions result in **BETTER** decisions resulting in **FEWER** regrets.

1. (Super-Power) **Ask** / Answer **Honestly** / Act with **Integrity**
2. Honesty Question: Am I being honest with myself, REALLY?
3. Legacy Question: What STORY do I want to tell?
4. Conscience Question: Is there a TENSION that deserves my ATTENTION?

Proverbs 27:12 The prudent (wise) **see danger** and **take refuge** but the **simple** keep going and **pay** the penalty.

Big Idea: Our excuses _____ us to the **THRESHOLD** of regret.

1. Natural _____: impulsive actions or thoughtless reactions. Without considering God's perspective, a person does what is "right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).
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2. Faulty _____: Your greatest regret was preceded by a **series** of **unwise** decisions.
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The Maturity Question: What is the **WISE** thing to do?

3. _____: seeing and responding to life's situations from God's frame of reference.

– Proverbs 1:1-7

– Matthew 7:24

– Matthew 25:2

– James 1:5

Ephesians 5:15–16 Be very **careful**, then, how you live—not as **unwise** but as **wise**, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are **evil**.

4. In light of my _____ experience, my _____ circumstances, and my _____ hopes and dreams, **what is the WISE thing for me to do?**

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Discuss and Apply

1. Does this statement ring true for you? Our excuses **escort** us to the threshold of regret and abandon us there with little **margin** for error. Can you think of an example?
2. 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**?
3. Would you commit to asking—not acting on—but simply asking the wisdom question for **seven days** every time you make a decision?

Remember

In light of my PAST experience, my CURRENT circumstances, and my FUTURE hopes and dreams, ***what is the WISE thing for me to do?***

Prayer

Father, I thank you for rescuing and restoring me and my family. Lord, I confess I have made many decisions based on faulty assumptions and lived to regret it. Today I ask you to give me WISDOM, Help me make decisions based on your viewpoint. As I read your Word, speak to my heart, renew my mind, and help us to glorify you in all that we do. In Jesus name.

At Manna Church, We believe ...

... **the Bible Is the Handbook for Life.** (Luke 21:33, Ps. 119:105)

- **PERSONAL LIFE:** marriage, child rearing, personal finance, sin, and forgiveness.
- **SOCIAL AND GOVERNMENT LIFE:** justice, not the type of government but the role of civil authority.
- **CHURCH LIFE:** what Jesus had in mind when He created the church.

The Bible is God's **WISDOM** on training our children, building our marriages, guiding discussions on social justice and issues that impacts eternity.

The Bible will be around long after our good ideas are gone. This doesn't mean we can't use our brains. This means we begin here with the Bible!