

Sermon: Pivotal Moments - How to Make Better Decisions

Passage: Proverbs 1:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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Relevant Question: How Can I Make Better Decisions?

Main Point: Wisdom doesn't come with age, it comes from Jesus.

MYTHS ABOUT WISDOM

Myth #1: All old people are wise

Myth #2: All young people aren't wise

Myth #3: In order to be old and wise you must be young and dumb

Myth #4: Wise people don't need input from others

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Proverbs 1:1-7 (CSB)

¹The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

²For learning wisdom and discipline; for understanding insightful sayings;

³for receiving prudent instruction in righteousness, justice, and integrity;

⁴for teaching shrewdness to the inexperienced, knowledge and discretion to a young man—

⁵let a wise person listen and increase learning, and let a discerning person obtain guidance—

⁶for understanding a proverb or a parable, the words of the wise, and their riddles.

⁷The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline.

6 TRUTHS ABOUT WISDOM

Truth #1: Godly wisdom comes from the Spirit through a relationship with Jesus.

Proverbs 1:20-21 (CSB)

²⁰Wisdom calls out in the street; she makes her voice heard in the public squares.

²¹She cries out above the commotion; she speaks at the entrance of the city gates:

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (CSB)

¹⁸For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is the power of God to us who are being saved.

¹⁹For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the intelligence of the intelligent.

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the debater of this age? Hasn't God made the world's wisdom foolish?

²¹For since, in God's wisdom, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of what is preached.

²²For the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom,

²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles.

²⁴Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, *Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God,*

²⁵*because God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.*

Truth #2: God desires for you to be wise

James 1:5–8 (CSB)

⁵Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him.

⁶But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

⁷That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord,

⁸being double-minded and unstable in all his ways.

Truth #3: Wisdom is observational *and* experiential

Truth #4: Wisdom comes when you have right thinking and right living

Truth #5: Everyone should increase in wisdom

Truth #6: Wisdom requires humility

Be WISE:

1. **WAIT** on Making a Decision
2. **INVITE** the Spirit to give you wisdom
3. **SPEAK** to godly people
4. **EVALUATE** and make a decision