HOW DO I MAKE GREAT DECISIONS? Part 1 FAQ's

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1. IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE, THERE ARE CERTAIN ______ AND <u>PRINCIPLES</u> THAT WE MUST KNOW TO MAKE GREAT DECISIONS.

2. KNOWING THE RULES IN THAT AREA DOESN'T MAKE THE DECISION FOR US, BUT IT_____ OUR OPTIONS.

• Being aware or knowing the rules or principles of a particular area is not enough.

Big Idea:

3. IN ORDER TO MAKE GREAT DECISIONS, YOU MUST ______TO THE RULES.

• Think about this: The direction of your life determines your destination. Your decisions determine your direction.

4. WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING LIFE DECISIONS, WE ARE OFTEN TO SUBMIT TO GOD.

EVEN THOUGH I'M WILLING TO SUBMIT TO THE MEN WHO MADE THE RULES, I'M NOT WILLING TO SUBMIT TO THE GOD WHO MADE THE MEN WHO MADE THE RULES THAT I SUBMIT TO.

• It was this reasoning that led the wisest man in the world to write these words.

Ecclesiastes 2:10 - I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure.

Ecclesiastes 2:17 - So now I hate life because it is all so irrational; all is foolishness, chasing the wind.

Proverbs 9:8-9:12 - Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you. ⁹ Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning. ¹⁰ "The fear of the Lord is the <u>beginning</u> of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. ¹¹ For through me your days will be many, and years will be added to your life. ¹² If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you; if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer."

5. "THE_____OF THE LORD": <u>Recognition</u> and <u>reverence</u> that lead to wisdom.

- WISDOM______WITH THE RECOGNITION OF WHO GOD IS.
- RECOGNITION AND REVERENCE LEADS TO

• SUBMISSION IS NOT ABOUT WHAT HE ASKS OF US, IT IS ABOUT WHO HE IS.

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Parallel ideas: Wisdom = Reward Mocker = Suffer

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WHAT MAKES YOU WISE:

THE <u>BEGINNING</u> OF WISDOM IS SAYING, "GOD, REGARDLESS OF THE QUESTION; I'M WILLING TO SAY, 'YES.'"

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