

## HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS

### 3. THOSE WITH WISE HEARTS PROFIT FROM \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 17:10

- (10) Rebuke is more effective for a wise man  
Than a hundred blows on a fool.

Proverbs 19:25

- (25) Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary;  
Rebuke one who has understanding, and he will discern  
knowledge.

1 Samuel 25:25-26, 28, 30-32

- (25) Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as  
his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him!  
But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my  
lord whom you sent.
- (26) Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives and as your soul  
lives, since the LORD has held you back from coming to  
bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand,  
now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my  
lord be as Nabal.
- (28) Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For the  
LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house,  
because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil is not  
found in you throughout your days.
- (30) And it shall come to pass, when the LORD has done for my  
lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning  
you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel,
- (31) that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my  
lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that  
my lord has avenged himself. But when the LORD has dealt  
well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."
- (32) Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the LORD God of Israel,  
who sent you this day to meet me!

Intro: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. THOSE WITH A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR WISDOM FIND IT

Proverbs 18:15

- (15) The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of  
the wise seeks knowledge.

Proverbs 8:4-6, 10, 17

- (4) "To you, O men, I call,  
And my voice is to the sons of men.
- (5) O you simple ones, understand prudence,  
And you fools, be of an understanding heart.
- (6) Listen, for I will speak of excellent things,  
And from the opening of my lips will come right things;
- (10) Receive my instruction, and not silver,  
And knowledge rather than choice gold;
- (17) I love those who love me,  
And those who seek me diligently will find me.

Proverbs 9:1-5

- (1) Wisdom has built her house,  
She has hewn out her seven pillars;
- (2) She has slaughtered her meat,  
She has mixed her wine,  
She has also furnished her table.
- (3) She has sent out her maidens,  
She cries out from the highest places of the city,
- (4) "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"  
As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
- (5) "Come, eat of my bread  
And drink of the wine I have mixed.

A. Is Wisdom Nature or Nurture? \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 17:16

Why is there in the hand of a fool the purchase price of wisdom, since he has no heart for it?

1 Kings 3:5-14

(5) At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

(6) And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

(7) Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

(8) And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted.

(9) Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

(10) The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

(11) Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,

(12) behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

(13) And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

B. Only \_\_\_\_\_ Can Give a Heart to Seek and Find Wisdom

2. THOSE WITH WISE HEARTS SEEK \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 11:14

(14) Where there is no counsel, the people fall;  
But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 13:10

(10) By pride comes nothing but strife,  
But with the well-advised is wisdom.  
[with those who take advice is wisdom (ESV)]

Proverbs 15:22

(22) Without counsel, plans go awry,  
But in the multitude of counselors they are established.

Proverbs 19:20

(20) Listen to counsel and receive instruction,  
That you may be wise in your latter days.

Proverbs 20:18

(18) Plans are established by counsel;  
By wise counsel wage war.

Proverbs 24:6

(6) For by wise counsel you will wage your own war,  
And in a multitude of counselors there is safety.

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