

MAKING WISE DECISIONS AT WORK

WORK MATTERS • Part 5

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SOLOMON'S WISDOM

8 Principles from Proverbs

1. **CHECK** _____ (Revelation)

"It is the Lord who gives wisdom; from him come knowledge and understanding. He provides help and protection for those who are righteous and honest."

Proverbs 2:6-7 (TEV)

"A man is foolish to trust himself. But those who use God's wisdom are safe." **Proverbs 28:26 (LB)**

ASK: WHAT _____ ?

2. **GET** _____ (Information)

"Every prudent man acts out of knowledge." **Proverbs 13:16 (NIV)**

"How stupid to decide before knowing the facts!" **Proverbs 18:13 (LB)**

"Sensible people are careful to stay out of trouble, but stupid people are careless and act too quickly." **Proverbs 14:16 (TEV)**

ASK: WHAT _____ ?

3. **ASK** _____ (Consultation)

"Plans succeed through good counsel; don't go to war without the advice of others." **Proverbs 20:18 (NLT)**

"Without advice, plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed." **Proverbs 15:22 (GW)**

"The more advice you get, the more likely you are to win."
Proverbs 24:6b (TEV)

ASK: WHO _____ ?

4. **SET** _____ (Selection)

"An intelligent person aims at wise action, but a fool starts off in many directions." **Proverbs 17:24 (TEV)**

"Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; then stick to the path and stay safe. Don't get sidetracked." **Proverbs 4:25-27 (NLT)**

ASK: WHAT _____ ?

5. **COUNT** _____ (Evaluation)

"It is foolish and rash to make a promise to the Lord before counting the cost." **Proverbs 20:25 (LB)**

Luke 14:28-29

ASK: IS IT _____ ?

6. **PLAN** _____ (Preparation)

"A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences."
Proverbs 22:3 (LB)

ASK: WHAT _____ ?

7. **FACE** _____ (Confrontation)

"Fear of man is a dangerous trap, but to trust in God means safety."
Proverbs 29:25 (LB)

ASK: WHAT _____ ?

8. **STEP** _____ (Initiation)

"Trust the Lord with all your heart, and don't depend on your own understanding. Remember the Lord in all you do, and he will give you success." **Proverb 3:5-6 (NCV)**

ASK: WHERE _____ ?