

Fool Proof Advice

Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to advice.

Proverbs 12:15

Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life. You can make many plans, but the LORD'S purpose will prevail.

Proverbs 19:20-21

1. Who do you go to for advice? _____

2. What do you read for advice? _____

3. Who comes to you for advice? _____

Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisors bring success.

Proverbs 15:22

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask Him, be sure that your faith is in God alone.

James 1: 5-6a

4. My closest advisor should be God and my faith needs to be in Him, not me.

Jesus said "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock."

Matthew 7:24

5. My first source of wisdom is following Jesus' teaching from the Bible.

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom He gives.

Colossians 3:16-17

6. I need Godly counsel from other Christians on a regular basis.

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

James 3:17

7. God's wisdom is recognized by the character it produces.

Self-test for progress on the path to wisdom:

- A. My actions: Do they reflect God's ways and His word?
- B. My words: Are they edifying and appropriate?
- C. My motives: Only I can know my heart; does it reflect God's wisdom?

Steps to wise decision-making:

- A. Have I put my faith in Jesus?
- B. Would this choice be in conflict with the Bible?
- C. Have I sought wise Christian advice?
- D. Have I prayed about this choice?
- E. Do I sense a clear 'yes' - 'no' - or silence about this choice?

My next step _____