

# WHAT'S NEXT?

Making decisions you won't regret

*We will make... (approximately)*  
*70 - Decisions a day*  
*25,000 – Decisions in a year*  
*2,000,000 – Decisions in a lifetime*



*A person is the sum of all the decisions  
they have made.*



*Where you end up one day can be the  
result of decisions you make today.  
Live with the end in mind!*



*Proverbs 1:7*

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.*



*1 Kings 12:4*

*“Your father made our yoke hard; now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you.”*

*1 King 12:5*

*Then he said to them, "Depart for three days, then return to me." So the people departed.*



*1 Kings 12:6*

*King Rehoboam consulted with the  
elders who had served his father  
Solomon while he was still alive, saying,  
“How do you counsel me to answer this  
people?”*

*1 Kings 12:7*

*Then they spoke to him, saying, “If you will be a **servant** to this people today, and **will serve them** and grant them their petition, and speak good words to them, then **they will be your servants forever.**”*

*1 Kings 12:8*

*But he forsook the counsel of the elders  
which they had given him, and  
consulted with the young men who grew  
up with him and served him.*



*1 Kings 12:9*

*So he said to them, "What counsel do you give that we may answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us'?"*

## *1 Kings 12:10*

*The young men who grew up with him spoke to him, saying, “Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you, saying, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, now you make it lighter for us!’ But you shall speak to them, ‘*

*1 Kings 12:10*

*'My little finger is thicker than my father's  
waist!*



*1 Kings 12:11*

*'Whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.'* ”



*Good decisions are made **with the**  
**help** of wise counsel*



*Proverbs 15:22*

*Without consultation, plans are  
frustrated, But with many  
counselors they succeed.*



*Proverbs 11:14*

*Where there is no guidance the  
people fall, But in abundance of  
counselors there is victory.*



*Proverbs 24:6*

*For by wise guidance you will  
wage war, And in abundance of  
counselors there is victory.*



1. Wise counsel is **sought out**.  
(it's your responsibility to get it)



*Proverbs 4:6-7*

*Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore **get wisdom.** Though it cost all you have, **get understanding.***

2. Wise counsel **doesn't** just tell  
you **what you want** to hear.



*Many do not want to hear the truth,  
they just want someone to tell them  
that what they believe is truth.*



3. Wise counsel will align with  
God's best for you.



*Romans 8:29*

*For those whom He foreknew, He  
also predestined **to become  
conformed to the image of His  
Son**, so that He would be the  
firstborn among many brethren;*

*What is best for you is what will  
make you most like Jesus!*



4. **Seek** wise counsel from  
someone who **has been**  
where you **need to go**.

