



Walking with the Wise: Community Shapes Our Decisions

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Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. — Proverbs 13:20

For those who know me, it's no secret that I have an insatiable appetite for information, constantly absorbing data—some insightful, others quirky. My friends often ask why I choose to collect 'data' rather than objects, and it's a fair question. The simple answer is—I love learning. But beyond my love for learning, I seek information to avoid making poor decisions.

As a Christian, I desire to make good, godly decisions, yet I recognize that on my own, I am neither good nor godly. Sin is like a noose around my brain, distorting my ability to think and act Biblically. So how can I make wise decisions when my very thought process is compromised? Information alone isn't the answer. Information without understanding is a recipe for disaster.

Romans 12:2 provides insight. 'Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.' Sisters—we must first go to God and His Word. True wisdom begins with the renewal of our minds through Scripture, enabling us to discern God's will and make sound decisions. As Scripture permeates our thoughts, our minds begin to 'heal' and be renewed.

My thirst for information can sometimes lead to isolation. When I start leaning toward autonomy, I'm reminded of Genesis 2:18: "It is not good for the man to be alone." We are created for community, not isolation. God designed us to depend on Him and His people.

Proverbs 13:20 further reinforces this truth: "Walk with the wise and become wise." Walking with the wise means spending time with those who love God and His Word, learning from them, and often aligning our steps with theirs as they follow Christ.

As Christians, we must first go to God and His Word for guidance. The renewal of our minds through Scripture equips us to make sound decisions. But it doesn't stop there. God calls us to walk in community, to seek wisdom from others who are grounded in His Word. By doing so, we allow the body of Christ to help shape our decisions, keeping us aligned with God's will and protecting us from the pitfalls of isolation.

Let's Chat!

- Proverbs 13:20 emphasizes the importance of walking with the wise. Who are the "wise" people in your life, and how have they influenced your decisions? How can we discern who the wise people are that we should seek counsel from?
- How does the renewal of the mind, as described in Romans 12:2, impact our ability to make wise decisions? Can you share a personal experience where Scripture transformed your thinking in a significant way?
- What are some practical steps you can take to avoid making decisions in isolation? How can you intentionally involve your community in your decision-making process?
- After reading Genesis 2:18-3:13, explore the various relationships depicted (such as God with Adam, Adam with Eve). How did these relationships shape the decisions made in this passage, and what were the outcomes of those decisions?

Take-Away Truth

God gives us His Word and His people to help us make wise decisions.

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