

ASKING FOR DIRECTIONS

DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL, PART 2

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So the Lord said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates.

1 Kings 11:11

1 Kings 12 Story of Rehoboam's Decision

The Good Decision... Ask For _____

Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who had served his father Solomon during his lifetime. "How would you advise me to answer these people?" he asked.

1 Kings 12:5

The Bad Decision... Listen To The _____

But Rehoboam rejected the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and were serving him.

1 Kings 12:8

One of the primary ways God speaks to us is through _____ .

Proverbs 11:14
Proverbs 13:10
Proverbs 15:22
Proverbs 20:18

Proverbs 12:15
Proverbs 13:13
Proverbs 19:20
Proverbs 25:11

Guidelines On Asking For Counsel

1. Choose someone who has nothing to lose by telling you the truth.
2. Choose someone who is where you eventually want to be in life.
3. If possible, ask more than one person.
4. When you ask for counsel, go into it expecting that God will speak to you.

Questions To Use When Asking

- 1) Are any of the options I'm considering outside the bounds of scripture?
- 2) What do you think the wise thing is for me to do?
- 3) What would you do if you were me?

Reasons You'll Be Tempted Not To Ask

- 1) **"I don't know anybody wise to ask."**
- 2) **"I don't need anybody to tell me what to do." (Pride)**

The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

Proverbs 12:15

- 3) **"I already know what they'll say, and I don't want to hear it."**