HOW DO I CHOOSE THE RIGHT PATH?
World's Greatest Wisdom, Part 4

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Review of last week
Proverbs 22:3
The prudent see danger and take refuge,
but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

The Principle of the Path:
Direction (not intention) determines destination.
The Path Principle applies to our financial path, dating and relationship path, marriage path, spiritual life, parenting, job, career, etc. In each of these areas, people often have great intentions, hopes, and dreams for where they want to go in life, but then in their daily and weekly actions and decisions, they choose a path that leads to a much different destination.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to see trouble coming long before it gets here, give me the wisdom to know what to do, and give me the courage to do it.

How Do I Choose The Right Path?

Lesson 1: Information is _____ _____

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.
1 Kings 3:10-12

Solomon's Answer (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;

o Direction doesn't begin with a search for direction; direction begins with submission.

Lesson 2: _____ Precedes Direction

Verse 6
In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

o Would you be willing to trust God and submit your will to Him, in advance, before things are messed up and out of your control?

Verse 7
Do not be wise in your own eyes.

Lesson 3: When I lean on my own understanding, _____ eventually overrides wisdom.

2 Questions For This Week:

1. Has there ever been a time in my life when I have submitted to God in all my ways?
2. Why am I afraid to submit to God in those areas I want to control?