How Do I Make the Best Decisions In Life?
Series, Asking For A Friend

INTRODUCTION

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Who do you marry? Do you get married? Who should you date? Do you break up? What career should you go into? What school should you go to? Should I stay here? Should I go to another job? Should I move here? Should I move there? Should I confront the person, or should I hold back? Should I take the risk, or should I play it safe? Do you realize a wrong decision in any of those things is a disaster?

Proverbs 1:1-7

1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

2 for gaining wisdom and instruction;

 for understanding words of insight;

3 for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,

 doing what is right and just and fair;

4 for giving prudence to those who are simple,

 knowledge and discretion to the young—

5 let the wise listen and add to their learning,

 and let the discerning get guidance—

6 for understanding proverbs and parables,

 the sayings and riddles of the wise.

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,

 but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Theme & Goal:

You make the best **D**  in life

when you walk with the **W**  of life.

1. The **F**  of the LORD is the **B**  of all wisdom.

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The fear of the Lord is a holy reverence and awe for the Creator God and your place in His creation. It’s a ***moral*** mindset that recognizes you are not God and that you don’t get to make up your own definitions of good and evil, of right and wrong. Instead, you humble yourself before God and embrace His wisdom on how best to live your life.

1. **M**  is a guide to the path of wisdom.

10 Commandments as Morality

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

Moral relativism is the ideology that there is no universal or absolute set of moral principles. Rather, morality is relative to cultures, peoples, and individuals at any given time.

Two responses to moral relativism:

* Philosophical
* Existential
1. **J**  is the **W**  of life.

 12 I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,

 and I find knowledge and discretion.

 13 The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.

 Pride and arrogance and the way of evil

 and perverted speech I hate.

 14 I have counsel and sound wisdom;

 I have insight; I have strength.

 15 By me kings reign,

 and rulers decree what is just;

 16 by me princes rule,

 and nobles, all who govern justly.

 22 The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,

 the first of his acts of old.

 23 Ages ago I was set up,

 at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

 24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,

 when there were no springs abounding with water.

 25 Before the mountains had been shaped,

 before the hills, I was brought forth,

 26 before he had made the earth with its fields,

 or the first of the dust of the world.

 27 When he established the heavens, I was there;

 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

 28 when he made firm the skies above,

 when he established the fountains of the deep,

 29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,

 so that the waters might not transgress his command,

 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

 30 then I was beside him, like a master workman,

 and I was daily his delight,

 rejoicing before him always,

 31 rejoicing in his inhabited world

 and delighting in the children of man.

Wisdom is personified.

In John 1 … “In the beginning was the wisdom, and the wisdom was with God and the wisdom was God. For nothing was made without him. The wisdom of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father, filled with grace and truth.”

Path of life…

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart

 and lean not on your own understanding;

6 in all your ways submit to him,

 and he will make your paths straight.

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