

DISCERNMENT 2 SAM. 15:7-12,16

Thoughts:

- We all face decisions
- Decisions that are complex
- Decisions that have very real consequences
- Decisions that require discernment

Proverbs 22:3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; But the simple pass on, and are punished.

Proverbs 13:16 Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: But a fool layeth open his folly.

Proverbs 14:15 The simple believeth every word: But the prudent man looketh well to his going.

Proverbs 14:16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: But the fool rageth, and is confident.

Proverbs 15:5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: But he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

Proverbs 18:15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; And the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

Proverbs 27:12 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; But the simple pass on, and are punished.

Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you forth **as** sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless **as** doves.

1 Chronicles 12:32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had **understanding of the times, to know** what Israel **ought to do**; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.

Discernment is a combination of:

A. Foresight: what to actually do → the action itself!

B. Insight: into motives, dreams, drives, weaknesses of self & others, what we love

Philippians 1:9-11: And this I pray,

that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge (ἐπιγνώσει) and in all judgment (αἰσθήσει);

That ye may approve things that are excellent;

that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is

deceitful above all things,
and desperately wicked:
who can know it?

Psalms 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart:

Try me, and know my thoughts:

And see if there be any wicked way in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner (κριτικὸς) of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. **2 Timothy 3:2** For men shall be **lovers of their own selves (φιλαυτοι), covetous (φιλάργυροι)**, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful (ἀχάριστοι), unholy, **2 Timothy 3:3 Without natural affection (ἄστοργοι)**, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, **despisers of those that are good (ἄφιλάγαθοι)**, **2 Timothy 3:4** Traitors, heady, highminded, **lovers of pleasures (φιλήδονοι) more than lovers of God (φιλόθεοι)**; **2 Timothy 3:5** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

C. Hindsight: a good knowledge of history → what has / hasn't worked or has happened in the past

D. 360 degree-sight: all of us are wiser than any of us

Proverbs 13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: But a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Proverbs 15:5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: But he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

Proverbs 18:13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, It is folly and shame unto him.

Proverbs 18:17 He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; But his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

Proverbs 11:14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: **But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.**

Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: **But in the multitude of counsellors they are established.**

Proverbs 24:6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: **And in multitude of counsellors there is safety.**

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: **But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.**

This, of course, helps most with our

David missed Absalom's treason! He was totally deceived by his getting-out-of-town story!

Why?

I. Relationships blind us!

2 Samuel 3:1 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker. **2 Samuel 3:2 And unto David were sons born in Hebron:** and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; **2 Samuel 3:3** And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, **Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;** **2 Samuel 3:4** And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

2 Samuel 3:5 And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. **These were born to David in Hebron.**

Relationships can really mess things up:

- Absalom was David's s
- From one of his many w &/ c
- With a great dishonor done to
- With bl on his hands
- With a dysfunctional r with David his dad

This bl David!

Luke 14:25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

Luke 14:26 **If** any man come to me, **and hate not** his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, **he cannot be my disciple.**

Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, **cannot** be my disciple. Luke 14:33 **So likewise**, whosoever he be of you **that forsaketh not** all that he hath, he **cannot** be my disciple.