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# WHAT IS THE WISE THING TO DO?

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## **1. \_\_\_\_\_ is Primarily a Series of Choices**

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Is our world burdened by an \_\_\_\_\_ of wisdom?

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Culturally speaking, when a society is dominated by choices made by impulse and selfish emotion, what results is a sick \_\_\_\_\_.

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Icebreaker:* Have you ever had a leech stuck to you? How did it happen, how did you feel and what did you do?

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1. Take some time to discuss chapter 5, *The Maturity Question* as you get started.
2. Andy Stanley talks about how we tend to live life in the “lowest common denominator.” In what areas of life do you feel tempted to do the bare minimum?
3. Pastor Tom talked about how life is made up of our series of choices. Read [Proverbs 12:15; 14:16; 29:11](#). What common denominators regarding wise and foolish choices do we see in these passages?
4. How have you seen choices like those above (good or bad) affect your life, and what would change if you could do things differently?
5. All of our choices have consequences (see [Galatians 6:7a-8](#)), and God offers us wisdom so that we may make better decisions with fewer regrets. “Are we pursuing God’s wisdom in our life?” How would you like that to look this week?
6. The good news is that God wants you to have His wisdom, and only waits for your invitation to speak into your life ([James 1:5-8](#)). What’s holding you back from asking?

- ❑ *Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets*—Chapter 5 (pages 115-144)
- ❑ *Ephesians 5:15-20; Proverbs 1:7; 2:6, 3:13-18; 18:15; 19:20; 24:3-7*

## WEEKLY READING

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