

notes.



REFUSE WISE COUNSEL

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Bad: Make your decision before you ask for input.

1 Kings 12:6-9, 13-14

- **Good: Say yes to God first**
John 7:17

Bad: Make your decision based on what is popular.

Galatians 6:7

- **Good: Get advice from those ahead of you**

Luke 7:35, Proverbs 5:11-14, Hebrews 13:7

Growth Group Homework - November 3, 2019

Warm-Up

1. When was the last time you asked for advice?
2. What are some things in life you have trained for (athletics, skills, job, etc.)? What did you learn from that training process?

Talk It Over

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what did you find most challenging or helpful?
4. Read the following passages and identify reasons we refuse wise counsel. Is there one of these that was a tendency in your youth? In what ways is it still present in your life today?

Proverbs 12:15

Proverbs 13:18

Proverbs 18:2

Proverbs 26:16

Proverbs 29:1

- What have been some of the outcomes you have experienced when you refused counsel?
- Have there been times God has humbled you to accept wise counsel from others? What happened?

5. Can you think of a time when you wanted to go in a certain direction, but someone gave you wise advice, so you decided to choose an alternate path based on their input? What were some of the challenges in doing this? How did it work out for you?
6. At Seabreeze, we have the value of *Wisdom Requires Training*. We aim to learn how to apply God's instruction in the various situations we face. What do the following verses reveal about this value?

Proverbs 19:20

Luke 9:23

1 Timothy 4:7-9

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

7. Create a list of daily disciplines, weekly habits, and seasonal training opportunities that can help you grow as a Christian.

- What has been your experience with the items on this list? Which ones have you found to be helpful? What are the challenges or obstacles to doing them?

Take It Home

8. Think back through the discussion. What is one thing God is wanting you to focus on? What is a next step of action you can take?