

Better Decisions,
Fewer Regrets:
The Integrity Question

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Proverbs 2:3-7; Jeremiah 17:5, 7, 9

2021—a year of Promise or Regret?

Your life is your choices. You are always building your own house.

Dumb Purchases. Doomed Relationships. Destructive Habits

We don't really know what the consequences of our decisions will be. What if?

³ Cry out for wisdom, and beg for understanding. ⁴ Search for it like silver, and hunt for it like hidden treasure. Proverbs 2:3-4

Search for it as if it could change your life... Your family... Your legacy.

⁵ Then you will understand respect for the LORD, and you will find that you know God.
Proverbs 2:5

⁶ Only the LORD gives wisdom; he gives knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He stores up wisdom for those who are honest. Like a shield he protects the innocent. Proverbs 2:6-7

There is wisdom that is only found in a relationship with God. Wisdom is protection if we choose it.

"I know" and "I will" are not the same thing.

Wisdom makes lots of sense until it comes into conflict with you "want".

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

⁵ This is what the LORD says: "A curse is placed on those who trust other people, who depend on humans for strength, who have stopped trusting the LORD." Jeremiah 17:5

⁷ "But the person who trusts in the LORD will be blessed. The LORD will show him that he can be trusted." Jeremiah 17:7

Am I being honest with myself?Really?

The Integrity question—Have the integrity to admit to yourself why you are choosing what you are choosing.

You can sense the deception when you find yourself talking yourself into a decision. You don't generally have to talk yourself into a good decision.