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## Applied Wisdom

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The halls of government provide many opportunities for promoting ideas and making decisions. And many of the decisions made in that arena have a far reaching impact. They affect the lives of people well beyond the offices and chambers where they are made. Even what many would consider small and unimportant things have the potential to be very large matters to the people they are affecting. That being the case, perhaps it would be a good thing to pause and consider a principle which can make our decision making better.



First, though, let's look at some of the distinctions we often need to make.

1. There can be a difference in what seems smart and what is good.
2. There can be a difference in what is efficient and what is proper.
3. There can be a difference in what is expedient and what is right.
4. There can be a difference between what is good and what is best.

So, how do we go about distinguishing between the various possibilities? How do we make sure that we are working toward the best outcome and not just allowing ourselves to be satisfied with the lesser?

As we consider the possibilities, one thing we can be absolutely sure of is that God is interested in the outcome. And the reason he is interested is not merely because of the outcome itself, but because of how it affects people.

Of course, the decisions we make affect other people and we should be working as diligently as we can to try and make that impact a positive one. But there is another person it affects, as well – the one making the decision. You are lifted up when you make good and right decisions and you are diminished when you make bad ones.

Be assured, God wants you to make good and right decisions. In James 1:5 we read:

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. (NIV)

Let me suggest that you cultivate the life skills of consulting with God about the decisions you make and of learning how to hear his answer. With that, you will become the kind of person he wants you to be.

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