

## Question Everything

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**Idea:** The question we should bring to bear on every decision, invitation, and relationship is “What’s the wise thing to do?”

### Introduction

For the next six weeks, we’re going to discuss a **question** that will **clarify** your best option for 90 percent of the decisions you make in life, the question that answers just about everything, a question that has the potential to **foolproof** your relationships, marriage, finances, calendar, pace, and health. It reduces complexity.

The reason we are going to spend six weeks is that I would like to convince you to make this a lifelong habit.

It will save you time, money, and **tears**. You will carry around less **regret**. And best of all, you won’t have to **apologize** near as much.

I feel confident making that kind of bold promise because I bumped into this over 25 years ago. Not only have I been filtering my own decisions through this question, I’ve heard back from hundreds of people through the years who have as well. The night I met Sandra, I was talking about this at Georgia Tech.

I bumped into this question because of personal Bible study. But fear not, if you are not a Bible person, not a Christian, or skeptical of all things religious, you can use this question apart from any kind of faith. It is not faith dependent. And if you are not a Jesus follower, this is optional. You can try it.

Even if you don’t think this question is relevant for you, chances are, you will think it is relevant for your **children**, your **spouse**, your boss, your employees . . . pretty much anyone whose decisions impact **YOUR future**.

If you are a Christian, however, this question should be a staple part of your decision-making arsenal. It’s required.

*Instead of just telling you up-front, I thought it would be helpful to discover it together the way I did years ago. Although this question is implied in both the Old and New Testaments, it jumped out to me in something the apostle Paul wrote in his letter to first-century Christians titled Ephesians.*

*Paul, if you remember, steps onto the pages of history as a Christian hunter. And then he became one. Think for a moment about the group in this world you hate the most, would like to see imprisoned or executed. What would have to happen for you to not only join that group, but also spend the rest of your life pushing their beliefs? **Imagine becoming a Republican? Democrat?***