

# better decisions, fewer regrets

**Deciding Our Way Forward**  
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**Scripture:** Proverbs 27:12

## **Introduction**

*[Today, we begin a new series entitled...]*

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*[As you may know, I recently published a book with this title. For that reason, I was a bit hesitant to turn this content into a series of talks lest people assume I'm trying just to sell books. But that's not my intent. In fact, this series is designed to provide you with the content of the book, so you don't have to read the book. Besides, you're probably too busy to read a book right now anyway. But if you'll spend a few minutes over the next few weeks consuming and digesting these messages, I'm convinced you will, in fact, make better decisions and will be faced with fewer regrets. And that's a big deal to me.]*

*[Here's why I say that and why I'm willing to run the risk of having my motives questioned in order to communicate this content. While I appreciate the fact that people I don't know and will never meet read my books, you are my first audience. You're the folks I care most about, feel most responsible for, and most accountable to. More than any other group of people, families, students, singles, or couples, I want you to make good decisions. I want you to have a tool and some handles to help your kids, your nieces and nephews, and perhaps your grandchildren make good decisions. In spite of the potential awkwardness this creates, or suspicions it arouses, I want to communicate this content directly to you.]*

*[The big idea for this series is the often overlooked relationship between...]*

**Good Questions**  
**Good Decisions**

*[Good questions set us up for good decisions. In some ways, our decisions are no better than the questions we ask or don't think to ask. In this series, I'm going to give you five questions to ask every time you make a decision of any magnitude or significance, whether it's financial, relational, academic, or professional.]*