

Two Roads: Master or Disaster

Through the Door

If we knew the future, very few of us would make foolish decisions. But very few of us make decisions in the first place. Many people prefer to be carried along by other peoples' decisions and by the circumstances of life. But wise people make decisions. And they make these wise decisions without knowing the future. Instead, they look at their past, their present, and where they would like to end up. And then they choose. This choice does not have to be a leap...sometimes it is just a step.

Discussion Questions

1. If you could go back in time to one moment in your life, knowing what you know now, which moment would that be and what would you do?
 2. Are the first two questions to ask about "the door" easy for you? Are they more complex than fathermike made them sound? Is it easy enough to figure out if a door is "good" and "open"? Please describe.
 3. The second two questions are more difficult because we have to apply wisdom to the moment. Looking at your past experience, your current situation, and your goals, are you better able to discern the "wise door"? Why or why not? Discuss.
 4. When making decisions, it is rarely wise to "leap". It is much wiser to take a step, assess, and discern the next step. What is your experience of this process? Is it too complicated...too simple? Please describe.
 5. If you truly believed that God is the good Father who loves you, how would that change your perception of failure? Please share your ideas.
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God in Real Life

1. This week, *make* decisions with wisdom by asking whether a decision is good, open, wise, and one you want. Further, when determining wisdom, look at your past, your present, and your desired goal.
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To the Heart

"But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and he will be given it." ~James 1:5