

# The Maturity Question

## Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets - Part 5

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**Q#1 - The Integrity Question: Am I being honest with myself... really?**

**Q#2 - The Legacy Question: What story do I want to tell?**

**Q#3 - The Conscience Question: Is there a tension that deserves my attention?**

**Misleadingly Dangerous Questions: What's the quickest/easiest/cheapest way?**

- What feels good right now?
- What is everyone else doing?
- Is it legal?
- How close can I get to the line without crossing it?

**Q#4 - The Maturity Question: What is the wise thing to do?**

**Wisdom = the ability to make good decisions based on knowledge, experience, and understanding of what truly matters.**

*"<sup>13</sup>Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding. <sup>14</sup>For wisdom is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold. <sup>15</sup>Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. <sup>16</sup>She offers you long life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left. <sup>17</sup>She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying. <sup>18</sup>Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly." Proverbs 3:13-18 (NLT)*

*"A prudent (wise) person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton (fool) goes blindly on and suffers the consequences." Proverbs 27:12 (NLT)*

*"The wise are mightier than the strong, and those with knowledge grow stronger and stronger." Proverbs 24:5 (NLT)*

**What is the wise thing to do?**

**Just because you can, doesn't mean you should. Wisdom is knowing the difference.**

*“<sup>5</sup>If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. <sup>6</sup>But when you ask Him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup>Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.” James 1:5-8 (NLT)*

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