



# Part 4: Guard Rails

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Scripture: Proverbs 9:10, 12:15, 13:10, 15:22, 19:20; Psalm 111:10

### Review: The Best Question Ever

In light of my *past experience, current circumstances, and future hopes & dreams*, and in light of the way the world actually works, what is the **wise** thing for me to do with my **time**?

### A Key Truth

In light of my *past experience, current circumstances, and future hopes & dreams*,

- Our emotions make the \_\_\_\_\_ less \_\_\_\_\_.
- What’s the wise thing to do when emotions are high? \_\_\_\_\_

Making wise decisions in any area requires an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the principles and rules that govern that area.

Wise life decisions require an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the principles and rules that govern life.

**Proverbs 9:10:** The *fear* of the Lord is the *beginning* of wisdom.

**Fear** = \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to \_\_\_\_\_

### Bottom Line

Ultimately, making wise decisions in life requires submission to the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

### Talk It Over

1. What’s one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. Have you ever witnessed someone make a decision you knew was unwise? What prevented you from offering that person your wisdom?
3. Discuss a time when a decision you made was clouded by your emotions. What happened? How might it have turned out differently if you would have asked for or listened to advice?
4. Read Proverbs 13:10. In what ways has pride—yours or others’—created strife in your life?
5. Think about a time when you failed to make a wise decision. Did you lack understanding of the rules governing that area of life, or were you unwilling to submit to them? What would you do differently if you could go back and make that decision again?
6. Read Proverbs 9:10. In your own words, what does it mean to “fear God”? Does that idea bother you? Why or why not?
7. In what area of your life do you need to seek wise counsel or open your hand and submit to God? What is one step you can take this week to do so?