

**“Seeking Godly Counsel”**  
**Proverbs 16:20, 24:6**

**Proverbs 16:20** *Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.*

**Proverbs 24:6** *for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory.*

I. Why is it important to seek godly counsel?

-My perspective is always limited.

-My input is never enough.

II. What steps do I need to take in order to live a life that seeks godly counsel?

-My relationships must include people I trust to speak God’s wisdom into my life.

Who influences your life the most?

**Proverbs 13:20** *Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.*

**Proverbs 28:26** *Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.*

“If we are committed to following God’s path and growing in wisdom, goodness, discipline and truth, then we should intentionally surround ourselves with people who exhibit those qualities. As our friendships with those people grow, so will our character and our pursuit of godliness.”

- **Bill Hybels**

-I must be willing to seek input from others in my life.

**Jeremiah 17:9** *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?*

“In seeking counsel, we must be sincere, because a loving and wise friend can often see dangers and detours that are hidden from us.” - **Warren Wiersbe**

Why do I not seek counsel?

-Arrogance

**Proverbs 16:18** *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

-Rebellion

**Proverbs 18:1** *Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.*

-Impatience

**Proverbs 19:2** *Desire without knowledge is not good, and whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way.*

How well do I go to people I trust for godly counsel?

-I must be teachable and listen to input.

**Proverbs 10:17** *Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.*

**Proverbs 12:15** *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.*

**Proverbs 12:1** *Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.*

III. Why is it a big deal to seek godly counsel?

When I make unwise decisions:

-People get hurt

**Proverbs 11:14** *Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.*

-Relationships are broken

**Proverbs 13:10** *By insolence comes nothing but strife*

-Good intentions are wasted

**Proverbs 15:22** *Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.*

The framework in which I can successfully live the Christian life for God is by: trusting His word, guarding my heart, and by seeking godly counsel.