



## The Importance of Good Judgment

I made a mistake. It was just a foolish error, one common to young people. "You just used foolish judgment," my Dad said, "you need to stop and think about what you're doing."

**Life is full of opportunities for judgments of various sorts**—some are little, seemingly insignificant, some are very important and may have long lasting results. Every decision is important, none ever easy.

**Judgments follow us wherever we go.** The wise man urges us that we pay careful attention to judgments and he says the book of Proverbs is given in order that justice, judgment, equity, knowledge and discretion might prevail in all areas of life, no matter your age. This revelation can make the young man wise, even though he may not yet have much experience with living life.

**Your decisions are important.** The word of God makes it possible for you to make good decisions, not foolish ones. But in order to do so, you will have to develop a familiarity with it. Make the word of God part of who you are and what you decide and you will not render foolish judgments.

As you go about your activities today, look for ways to implement God's word; it will help you judge which way to go.

**(Proverbs 1:1-7)** "The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of understanding, To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice and equity; To give prudence to the naive, To the youth knowledge and discretion, A wise man will hear and increase in learning, And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel, To understand a proverb and a figure, The words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction." *Dee Bowman*

