

- Pay Attention to the Voices of Wisdom -

It can be easy to see someone else self-destruct and think to ourselves: *'I would never do that.'* But truth be told, we're all capable of ending up where we don't want to be. Even Solomon's son - the heir to the throne of Israel - blatantly ignored a principle that we should all pay close attention to.

Ice-Breaker:

- **What is one topic for which you feel confident giving advice (a field of expertise, a hobby, relationship advice, etc.)?**

Discussion:

1. **Is there a category of people you have a hard time taking advice from? If so, why?**

2. **Can you think of a time when you discounted good advice because of the source?**

3. **Read 1 Kings 12:1–19, where Rehoboam (Solomon's son) begins his reign as Israel's king. He does so in the wake of King Solomon forcing labor in order to accomplish multiple building projects.**

    - **What stands out to you as you read this account?**
    - **What are some good decisions Rehoboam made?**
    - **What are some poor decisions Rehoboam made?**
    - **What are some principles we can learn from Rehoboam's mistakes?**

4. **Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and Proverbs 11:14. We are all prone to lean on our own understanding. Who else should you be inviting into your decision-making circle?**

5. **Which of these make it difficult for you to ask: *What would you do if you were in my shoes?***

    - **You already know what they're going to say.**
    - **It's nobody's business.**
    - **Success is intoxicating - you don't need anybody's advice.**

Application:

Find someone who has nothing to gain and nothing to lose by telling you the truth. Are you willing to make the following commitment: *'I will not automatically discount advice based on the source of the advice'* ?