



How to Get the Good Advice You Need

"Stupid people always think they are right. Wise people listen to advice" (Prov. 12:15, TEV)

"Get all the advice you can, and you will succeed; without it you will fail" (Prov. 15:22, TEV)

When Should You Seek Advice?

"Simpletons only learn the hard way, but the wise learn by listening" (Prov. 21:11, Msg)

When you are considering a new venture.

"Make plans by seeking advice" (Prov. 20:18, NIV)

"Better a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king who no longer knows how to take warning" (Eccl. 4:13, NIV)

When you've had a series of failures.

When you're worried that you've developed some negative traits that you can't see.

When you've identified some areas in which you want to improve.

When you need perspective.

Why Don't We Ask for Advice More Often?

"The wise man is glad to be instructed, but a self-sufficient fool falls flat on his face" (Prov. 10:8, LB)

We don't want to face up to what we already know we should do.

We fear being seen as weak.

". . . be humble, take advice, and become wise" (Prov. 13:10, LB)

We assume that there's nothing anyone else can teach us . . .

- . . . when we think we are too advanced.

"Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him" (Prov. 26:12, NIV)

- . . . when we think our situation is too unique.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Prov. 27:17, NIV)

How Should You Seek Advice?

"It is foolish to follow your own opinions. Be safe, and follow the teachings of wiser people" (Prov. 28:26, TEV)

Enlist the _____ advisor.

Make your _____ as specific as possible.

Give your advisor _____.

Never _____ with your advisor.

"A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinion" (Prov. 18:2, NIV)

Remember that you cannot _____ the decision to your advisor.