

ASK IT  
PT. 2 –“The Alternatives”  
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The **QUESTION** that **answers**  
just about everything

What is the **wise** thing  
for me to do?

In light of my **past** experience,  
**current** circumstances,  
**future** hopes and dreams,  
what’s the **wise** thing for me to do?

## WISE PEOPLE

THIS IS OFFENSIVE

## Insert Slide #1-Simple

NAÏVE OR CLUELESS  
THEY LACK EXPERIENCE

Proverbs 7:6-27

THE SIMPLE  
RESPOND TO WISDOM WITH:  
*“Nothing’s gonna happen.”*  
*“I can handle it.”*  
*“You’re overreacting.”*

SIMPLE  
Don’t trade what you want most  
for what you want in the moment

## Insert Slide #2- Simple - Fool

### FOOL

Knows but doesn't care

#### Proverbs 26:11 (NIV)

As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly.

#### Proverbs 10:23 (NIV)

A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct...

### THE CURE

SIMPLE – TIME

FOOL – TRAGEDY

Foolishness has blinded you  
to your selfishness

#### Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)

He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

## Insert Slide #3-Simple – Fool - Mocker

### MOCKER (Scoffer)

Critical

Condescending

#### Proverbs 9:7-8 (NIV)

<sup>[7]</sup> Whoever corrects a  **mocker**  invites insult; whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse.

<sup>[8]</sup> Do not rebuke a  **mocker**  or he will hate you...

Correct the Simple  
and they won't get you

Correct a Fool  
and they will ignore you

Correct a **Mocker**  
and they will **hate** you

Correct the **Wise**  
and they will **thank** you

## WE ARE LEARNERS

If you sit in one of these seats long enough  
You will not see or understand wisdom

### Proverbs 1:20-33 (NIV)

<sup>[20]</sup>Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares;

<sup>[21]</sup>at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech:

<sup>[22]</sup> "How long will you **simple** ones love your **simple** ways? How long will **mockers** delight in **mockery** and **fools** hate knowledge?

<sup>[23]</sup>If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you.

<sup>[24]</sup>But **since you rejected** me when I called and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand,

<sup>[25]</sup>**since you ignored all my advice** and would not accept my rebuke,

<sup>[26]</sup>I in turn will **laugh** at your **disaster**; I will mock when **calamity** overtakes you—

<sup>[27]</sup>when **calamity** overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you.

<sup>[28]</sup>"**Then** they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me.

<sup>[29]</sup>Since they hated knowledge and did not choose to **fear the LORD**,

<sup>[30]</sup>since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke,

<sup>[31]</sup> they will **eat the fruit of their ways** and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

<sup>[32]</sup>For the waywardness of the **simple** will kill them, and the complacency of **fools** will destroy them;

<sup>[33]</sup>**but** whoever **listens** to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

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