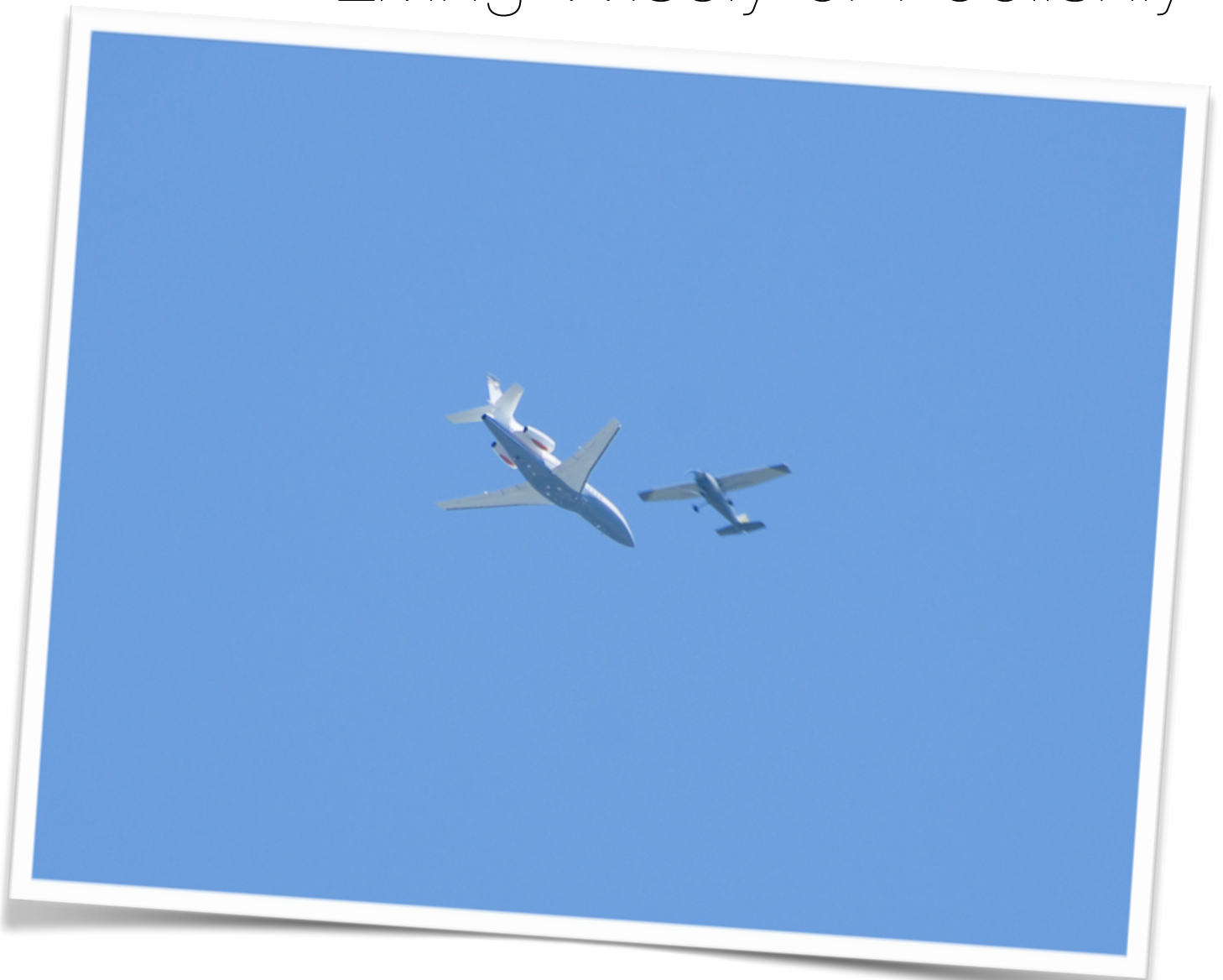


Living Wisely or Foolishly



**Do I ask, “Is this a wise decision?” before I act
or do I act first and deal with the consequences as they come?**

1 Corinthians 3:18-20 KJV

[18] For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. [19] For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. [20] And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

WHAT IS THE WISEST THING TO DO?

GODLY WISDOM:

The capacity to see things from God's viewpoint and respond accordingly to the principles of scripture.

GOD'S WISDOM:

God does not need additional information, He already knows everything involved with the decisions we make.

God already knows past, present, and future. He has knowledge that has no measure, we should always be seeking the wisdom of God. To live wisely is to seek God in all things.

When we ask God about things, He assumes responsibility for giving us the answer; what will we choose to do with the answer? God is only silent when he knows we have already made up our minds to disobey.

MAN'S WISDOM:

EARTHLY - Limited to one's own understanding

NATURAL - Fleshly yearnings, selfish

DEMONIC - The devil always advises those who choose to ignore God.

Intelligent people may be clever, but they lack wisdom apart from God and therefore they walk blind.

Proverbs 1:7 KJV

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:22 KJV

How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

Proverbs 18:2 KJV

A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

LIVING FOOLISHLY HAS CONSEQUENCES THAT REPENTANCE DOES NOT ERASE. IT BRINGS FORGIVENESS, BUT DOES NOT ERASE CONSEQUENCES.