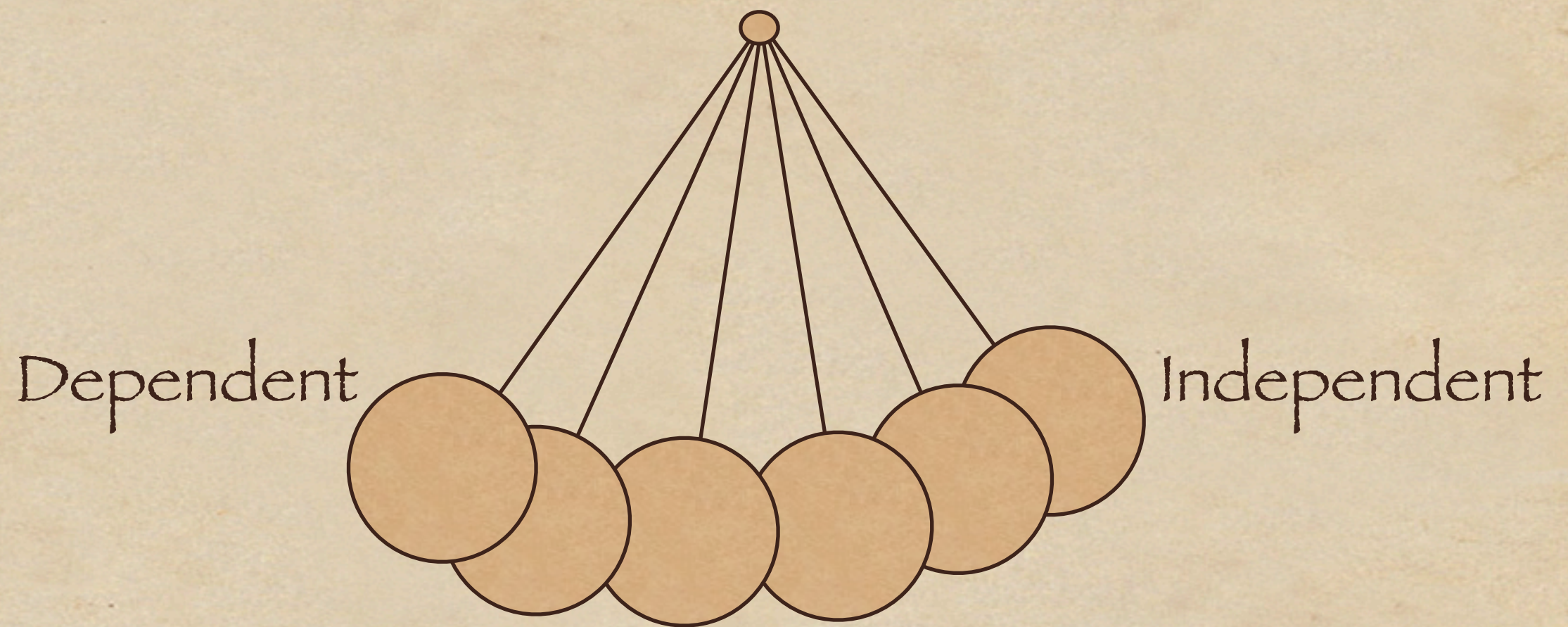


Advice/Input



Life is full of choices...how do we
make the right ones?



Be Aware of the Swinging
Pendulum!

Community

Acts 2:42-47

Spiritual Family

Mark 3:35 & Galatians 3:26-29

One Body

1 Corinthians 12:12-26 & Romans 12:3-8

Partners in the Gospel

Philippians 1:3-8

What are the benefits of asking for input/advice?

Learn from the failures &
successes of others

Expands your perspective

Avoid self-deception

Focuses your thoughts

Taps into the collective wisdom
of our spiritual family

Biblical Examples of Advice

Jethro gave Moses advice: Exodus 18

Rehoboam (rejects the advice of elders): 1 Kings 12

Paul advised the sailors: Acts 27

Paul advised the Corinthians: 2 Corinthians 8:10

Paul gets advice: Acts 15:1-2 & Galatians 2:1-4

Proverbs

Proverbs 11:14 "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure."

Proverbs 12:15 "The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice."

Proverbs 13:3 "A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke."

Proverbs 13:14 "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death."

Proverbs 13:10 "Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice."

Proverbs 14:15 "A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps"

Proverbs 15:22 "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."

Proverbs 19:20 "Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise."

Proverbs 20:18 "Make plans by seeking advice; if you wage war, obtain guidance."

Proverbs 24:5-6 "A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength; for waging war you need guidance, and for victory many advisers."

What Does it Mean to Get Advice ?

- ◆ To get advice is simply to seek the wisdom of those around you about your life situation
 - ◆ Experiential wisdom
 - ◆ Biblical wisdom
- ◆ This helps us make better decisions using our collective experience and knowledge

How to Seek Advice

- ◆ Humble your heart and know you need it
 - ◆ Romans 12:3 "...Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment..."
 - ◆ Our pride deceives us into thinking we don't need to get advice (Obadiah 1:3, Prov 13:10)
- ◆ Go to disciples that are strong in areas you are weak
 - ◆ Proverbs 13:20 "He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm."
- ◆ Don't search for what you want to hear. Search for SPIRITUAL WISDOM!
 - ◆ 2 Timothy 4:3 "For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear."

Key Areas to Seek Advice In

- ◆ Marriage
- ◆ Family Dynamics
- ◆ Work
- ◆ Character
- ◆ Future Plans
- ◆ Holiday Plans
- ◆ Friendships
- ◆ Relationship Issues
- ◆ Finances
- ◆ Possessions
- ◆ Time Management
- ◆ Parenting
- ◆ Spiritual Life
- ◆ Leaders (Bible Talk, Discipling, Studies, Advice, Lessons, Events, etc)