

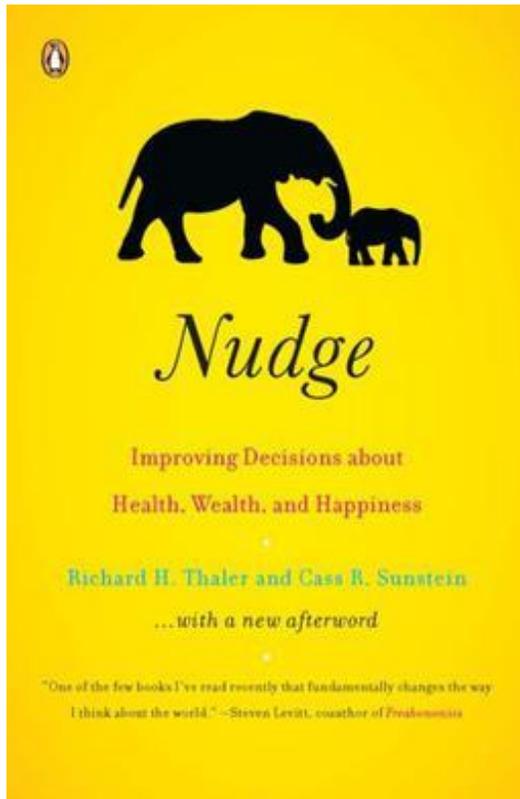
WISDOM

Recognizing the
end result
before the
choices are
made



And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do justice.

(1 Kings 3:28)



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For they are a nation void of counsel, and there is no understanding in them. If they were wise, they would understand this; **they would discern their latter end!**
(Deut 32:28-29)

The little things become the **BIG THINGS**

PSALM 73

But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.

Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.

until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.

PSALM 39

I will take heed to my ways, That I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, While the wicked is before me.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!

Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!

When you discipline a man with rebukes for sin, you consume like a moth what is dear to him; surely all mankind is a mere breath!

Considering the end result of a thing helps avoid heartache, struggle, and regret.

It also helps ensure profit, success, and joy.

Folly is joy to him that is void of wisdom; But a man of understanding makes straight his going.

(Proverbs 15:21)

If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed. (Ecclesiastes 10:10)

Who is like the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed. (Ecclesiastes 8:1)

Wisdom is good with an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun. (Ecclesiastes 7:11)

For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it. (Ecclesiastes 7:12)

Then I saw that there is more gain in wisdom than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness. (Eccl 2:13)

BUT WAIT!!!!

This leaves a major question.

If **wisdom** is better
than **foolishness**, why
isn't **everyone** wise?

But there was found in it a poor, wise man,
and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no
one remembered that poor man.

(Ecclesiastes 9:15)

Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but
one sinner destroys much good.

(Ecclesiastes 9:18)

Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give
off a stench; so a little folly outweighs wisdom
and honor. (Ecclesiastes 10:1)

Say not, Why were the former days better than
these? For it is not from wisdom that you ask
this. (Ecclesiastes 7:10)

It turns out,
wisdom is
hard
and
unappreciated
work

The fear of the LORD
is the beginning of
wisdom, and the
knowledge of the
Holy One is insight.
(Proverbs 9:10)