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## D. GROWING COMPETENCE

### *D.2: Planning and Decision Making [Proverbs 16:9 & 24:3-4]*

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#### **A STORY**

Sally came into the coaching session frustrated because she felt so out of control. There seemed to be more things demanding her time that she could accomplish. She questioned “Is there a way to live without so much demand and control? Can I be free to do the most important things in my life. The coach suggested that they look at the following Scriptures:

#### **DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE**

**Proverbs 24:3-4** (Living Bible):

*“Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.*

#### **DISCOVERY AND DISCUSSION**

1. What observations do you make from this passage?
2. What are the three key issues that we deal with in planning and decision making?
3. What does it take to get wise planning?
4. What does it mean to have common sense?
5. How do we go about keeping abreast of the facts?

#### **APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

6. How can you incorporate these three items in your life management?
7. What will you do for wise planning?
8. How will you process things using common sense?
9. What steps can you take to keep abreast of the facts?
10. What will be your desired future?
11. What is your first step?

#### **MORE DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE**

**Proverbs 16:9:** *“We should make plans—counting on God to direct us.”*

**DISCOVERY AND DISCUSSION**

1. How will you bring God into your planning process and decision making?
2. What will be your criteria of what to say “yes” to and what to say “no” to?
3. How will you communicate that?

**APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

4. What actual step do you need to take here?
5. When will you initiate these steps?

**MORE DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE**

**Ephesians 5:16:** *“So be careful how you act; these are difficult days. Don’t be fools; be wise: make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good.”*

**DISCOVERY AND DISCUSSION**

1. What is the biggest step of wisdom you need to take?
2. How will you determine if it is a wise decision?

**APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

3. What is the step you need to take?
4. What will you do next?
5. How will you evaluate if it is the right step?
6. What adjustments will you make then?

LIST ANY OTHER VERSES THAT YOU HAVE FOUND WOULD ADDRESS THIS ISSUE: