

Self-Assessment: Am I at All Wise?

Indicate whether you agree or disagree generally with the following statements. Don't second-guess. Just check your first instinct.

STATEMENT	AGREE	DISAGREE	POINTS
1. I have made dumb decisions that cost me and others.			
2. People have told me that I say and do the right thing.			
3. I'm pretty good at solving new or complex problems.			
4. I consider myself a bit foolish.			
5. People often come to me for advice.			
6. My friends don't rely on me for spiritual discernment.			
7. I often reflect on significant events in my life in order to learn and grow from them.			
8. All in all, my life is going pretty well because of the decisions I have made with God's help.			
9. I do things the same way again and again rather than creatively.			
10. It's best for me not to rely on the advice of my friends when I'm hurting.			
Total Points:			_____

Tally Your Score: Give yourself a point if you *agreed* with questions 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8 and a point if you *disagreed* with questions 1, 4, 6, 9, and 10, and add them up. The higher the number, the greater the likelihood you tend toward wisdom. Here is a rule of thumb to interpret your score:

- 8 – 10 Excellent**
- 6 – 7 Good**
- 4 – 5 Okay**
- 0 – 3 Poor**

As with all of these scales, keep in mind that this is a general index of your wisdom. As you will read in this chapter, wisdom regards our decisions that help us manage life, solve problems creatively, and get along with others. We may gain wisdom from reflecting on life's challenges, remaining alongside wise friends, and drawing close to God.