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**Proverbs 11:14**, Where there is no counsel, the people fall;  
But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

**Proverbs 24:6**, For by wise counsel you will wage your own war,  
And in a multitude of counselors there is safety.



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This is a common phenomenon today - what some call "advice shopping." The idea is that you keep asking different people for advice until you find someone who will tell you what you want to hear. This is an unwise and ungodly way to get counsel. It is better to have a few trusted counselors you will listen to even when they tell you what you don't want to hear.

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There's safety in a multitude of counselors, provided they're walking with the Lord, but there's no certainty that you have the will of God just because a committee approved it.

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## 1 Corinthians 14

- 1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.
- 2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.
- 3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.



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## Isaiah 8

**19** And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? **20** To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.



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**3. Receive Direction From God Personally**  
**(1 Kings 13:1-10)**

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

**Psalms 119:105**



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**4. Require Similar Revelation Before Changing Direction**  
**(1 Kings 13:11-26)**

Other believers can use the Word to encourage us, warn us, and correct us, but beware of letting other believers tell you God's will for your life. The Father loves each of His children personally and wants to convey His will to each personally.

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**4. Require Similar Revelation Before Changing Direction**  
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No matter how natural and seductive this enticement was, it was the duty of the man of God to resist it. He had a word from God to guide his actions, and should receive no other word except through dramatic and direct confirmation by God's Spirit.

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