



**So don't go to war without wise guidance; victory depends on having many advisers.  
(Pro 24:6 NLT)**

Victory in war and in every area of life is what every warrior desires. No one wants to lose, and this Scripture teaches us a valuable lesson in humility and how crucial it is for you to have advisers for the battle strategy you are looking for. Being humble and asking for advice is foreign for some military leaders. Far too often the attitude and the way of thinking in the military is: I am in charge of this unit so my ideas are always best. That is pride, whether they admitted or not. How many times have you or your unit suffered from this mentality? Having a superior rank doesn't mean you have the best plan for the battle; it simply means you have a higher rank. A light should go off in your head in how not to walk down this path with your own leadership.

No matter what rank we are, the Bible specifically tells us to listen to wise guidance and not to be wise in our own eyes because no man is perfect. (Pro 3:7) Whether you use this advice or not is up to you. The best businesses in the world agree with these biblical principles. They have fluid communication channels and robust dialogue in order to bring about the best strategy in place for the battle that they are facing.

Here is an example of what great special operations units do. Before any mission or task that they receive, training or real life, the leader calls in all key players and they go over the mission or goal that they are assigned. He says, "Give me your ideas or what do you think is the best way to accomplish this task." The next phase of the operation is critical. He shuts his mouth, he listens intently, and he asks everyone their perspective. Everyone's opinion is respected. God could be inspiring and speaking through the person you least expect. Then collectively, he formulates the best plan of attack he feels comfortable with between his ideas and the team's and together they iron out any area of weakness. He then briefs his team. Finally he is ready to brief the team's mission, not his mission, to their commander. The team's decision and briefing can easily take place in less than two minutes if needed, and the leader does it in this order so he doesn't have to re-brief their commander if better ideas are brought up later.

Many people make the mistake of not listening. Asking your personnel's perspective is not weak leadership, but wise leadership and is a best practice. It brings peace, strength, and a unique bond of harmony. I wouldn't go to battle without it. Fools don't listen to others, and a hasty plan put together by a one man show can lead to unnecessary work, low morale or even worse, your own team members being wounded or killed. So listen to what others speak to you. God could be using their mouths to bring about your victory. "For out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength." (Psa 8:2)

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