

MVN SZN Part 2: Maximize Your Advantage

*"The plans of the **diligent** lead surely to **advantage**, but everyone who is **hasty** comes surely to **poverty**." Proverbs 21:5 NASB*

Minimize the effects of bad experiences.

Maximize the advantage of good experiences.

*"The LORD by **wisdom** founded the earth; By **understanding** He established the heavens."*
Proverbs 3:19 NKJV

Without wisdom you can't succeed in the natural.

Without understanding you can't succeed in the spiritual.

*"He has made the earth by His power; He has established the **world by His wisdom**, And stretched out the **heaven by His understanding**." Jeremiah 51:15 NKJV*

Wisdom comes from God.

*"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is **wise**, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is **foolish**, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."*
Matthew 7:24-27 NLT

Understanding comes through the Holy Spirit.

*"But I tell you the truth, it is to your **advantage** that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you... "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will **guide** you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will **disclose** to you what is to come." John 16:7, 12-13 NASB*

1. Live in the Bible.

"How can a young person stay on the path of purity? **By living according to your word.**" Psalm 119:9 NIV

"I have hidden your **word in my heart** that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11 NIV

"Your **word** is a **lamp** for my feet, a **light** on my path." Psalm 119:105 NIV

2. Listen for the Holy Spirit.

✓ **Viscerally**

"With Christ as my witness, I speak with utter truthfulness. My conscience and the **Holy Spirit confirm it.**" Romans 9:1 NLT

"And the Spirit gives us **desires** that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires." Galatians 5:17 NLT

✓ **Visually**

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the **Spirit of wisdom and revelation**, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be **enlightened** in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people." Ephesians 1:17-18 NIV

✓ **Verbally**

"Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, "This is the way you should go," whether to the **right or to the left.**" Isaiah 30:21 NLT

3. Lean on Godly people.

"As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the **advantage.** But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the **advantage.**" Exodus 17:11 NLT