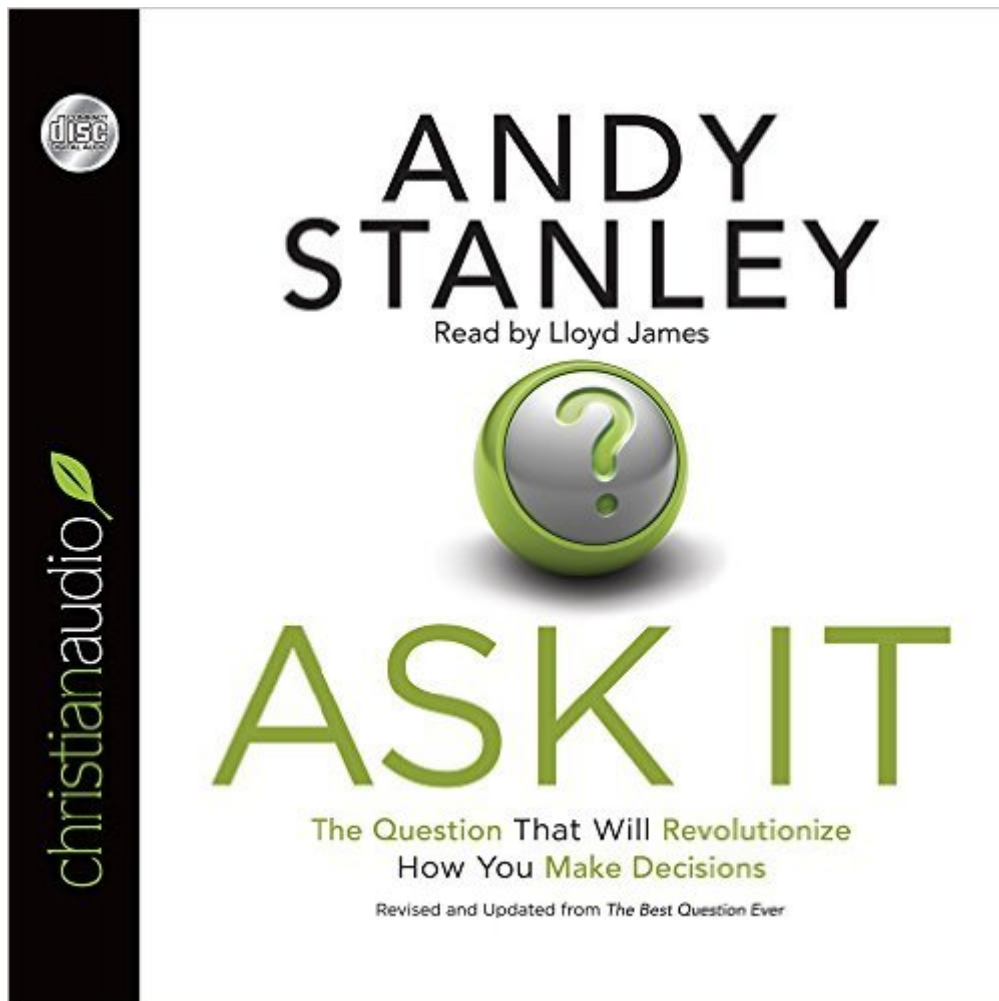


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Ask It: The Question That Will Revolutionize How You Make Decisions



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Youâ€™ll Never Make a Decision the Same Way Againâ€”Should I take this job? Buy this house? Marry this person?â€”We ask questions every day about the choices we face. But are we asking the most important question of all? In *Ask It*, Andy Stanley identifies the one question that makes it easy to determine the answer to all other questions. Youâ€™ll learn how to make decisions with confidence simply by applying the question that brings clarity to lifeâ€™s most challenging decisions.

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I picked up a copy of *Ask It* by Andy Stanley because I will pick up anything with his name on it. Andy has a unique way of encouraging me as well as motivating me to be a better leader, communicator, and follower of Christ. In the book, Andy states, "Your greatest regret could have been avoided had you asked this particular question and then acted on your conclusion." I was hooked immediately. I have lots of regrets. And while I am aware that I cannot go back and undo any of the poor decisions I have already made. I am also well aware that I am by no means finished making poor choices. Anything I can do to steer clear of future wrong turns, I am all ears. The "question" Andy refers to is found in the letter that Paul wrote to the Ephesian believers. Ephesians 5:15-17 states, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." This has long been a favorite passage of mine. And is even more meaningful to me now. Based on this passage, Andyâ€™s question is as follows: "In light of my

past experience, my current circumstances, and my future hopes and dreams, whatâ€™s the wise thing for me to do?â€•Andy suggests several areas that we should ask ourselves that question. Areasâ€™s such as physical, relational, professional, spiritual, and financial. Andy takes different sections of the book and details each of these areas. He gives examples of those that made wise choices and those that did not. As I read through each chapter and each area of importance, I was reminded of the poor choices I have made in each one.

The book *Ask It* by Andy Stanley is a 2014 revision and reprint of 2004 book entitled *The Best Question Ever*. Quite frankly, the title of this modern update is the best of the two; and I encourage anyone struggling with decisions (or life in general) to pick up a copy. You will discover the question -- which I will not reveal in this book review -- and understand its vital application to every facet of your life. Stanley's book is divided into 6 sections: (1) *The Question* - he leads into the need for this question and then reveals it, (2) *The Alternatives* - problems that abound when we seek to avoid asking the question because our culture is not morally neutral, (3) *A Question of Time* - a powerful indictment that a little investment in a relationship with God over a long period is much better than no investment until right at the end, (4) *A Question of Morality* - application of the question into sexual matters, (5) *Wisdom for the Asking* - some practical matters of life and how the question assists in them, and (6) *The Best Decision Ever* - pointing to the need for God in our lives despite what the world may say. My only criticism is that Stanley failed to close a hanging loop that most people would simply miss. He references Solomon as the wisest man in all of the world and that he asked the question Stanley has chosen to write about. The hanging loop is that Solomon failed miserably during his reign as he stopped seeking God and compromised truth for political realities. His success, in fact, bred his failure. Stanley could have and should have hammered home the importance of asking the question early and often in life. I found this book to be highly practical and relevant for those facing big decisions and those just facing normal decisions in life.

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