

Knowing Where to Tinker

Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Company, asked electrical genius Charlie Steinmetz to build the generators for his factory.

One day, the generators ground to a halt, and the repairmen couldn't find the problem. So Ford called Steinmetz, who tinkered with the machines for a few hours and then threw the switch. The generators whirred to life.

Then Ford got a bill for \$10,000 – a substantial amount of money for that day – from Steinmetz.



Flabbergasted, the rather tightfisted carmaker inquired why the bill was so high when Steinmetz had taken so little time. Steinmetz's reply: "For tinkering with the generators, \$10. For knowing where to tinker, \$9,990."

Ford paid the bill.

Obtaining wisdom and godly advice is priceless, and hard to find in today's society. There are plenty of people who want to give their opinion, but the Bible is the ultimate guidebook on wisdom. Daily Bible study provides important answers for successful living.

You may also consult with leadership of your company, with mentors who have helped you reach your present station in life, and with trusted friends who can bring perspective to situations and circumstances you may be facing.

Here are a couple of Scripture references that speak to this subject:

1. *Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed* (Proverbs 15:22 NIV).
2. *Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future* (Proverbs 19:20 RSV).

– Beecher Hunter