

## Decisions

Musings from Govannan – 6-24-2011

This is just a thought on the way into work this morning. Quickly slapped together. In this statement I am pointing at no one, yet I am pointing to ALL. Do not take this personally, but do take the lessons personally, if you can find some in here<G>.

This is a critical juncture. This could easily be a time for the dawn of a new spring, in the eyes of certain individuals. There are those who are poised to take the step which takes them into the next part of their life. The big decisions are easy. The little decisions appear to be easy, but often have a role of larger importance than is generally expected in the "game of life." No one wakes up in the morning and says, "I want to be a junkie." No, indeed. However each and every little decision that they have made in their life (possibly unknowing or unthinking) has taken them down that path. All decisions are important, both little and big, whether conscious decisions or not. To quote my boss, "it's the little things that come back and bit you on your ass." How true!!

We have several before us, who would become a part of the larger group. This is good. Much thought must be given to the future, and what it means; by these individuals. But this is also a good time, for those who have already made that decision, to reassess their previous decision; and what they have done as a result of that decision. Decisions, once made, are made. On the other hand, the direction taken after that decision may vary. It is good that the exact tweaking of the precise direction may be altered with the use of a good compass, GPS, or other unit of guidance<G>. The first step in any direction, or redirection, is assessment and knowledge of the need to take that step, or possibly not to take it.

That is the decision of the walker. In this particular situation, there are no constraints holding the person to the walkway, other than the bonds held internally by that individual. Gosh, were there MANY other situations where we hold the bonds/reins. Oh well<G>

.The questions that need to be asked, some of them; *why am I here, what do I hope to learn, what do I actually expect to learn.* As well there are always concerns about how these internal decisions influence those around us. One's decisions have a distinct effect upon the individual, but also upon their loved ones, their animals, their work, their environment. An assessment should be made of the next step and how it will affect them, and the layers of responsibility and caring which now will be melded into the next step.

The next step is a big one, though not necessarily one of the biggest that they will make. This step will tie them to the group. Not quite a marriage, but more like someone has married into the family, and now you have a bunch of new in-laws.

As a new person entering into this situation, the person looks up and says "what can I learn." As well they should also be looking at themselves and saying "ooh, what can I do?" Because in this situation it is a matter of learning AND doing. A decision such as this is like a sword. Philosophically, the sword may be spoken of as a two edged device. The sword may cut the

wielder as well as the intended opponent. This decision places duties and responsibilities upon the person making the step as much as upon the leadership to which they pledge their energies. If either party falters, leads falsely, or falls down, it will affect the others within the group. Falters are human in nature, and to be expected. It is in the way that a person behaves under adverse circumstances or tries to fix the problem (or ignore it!!) that is the measure of the individual.

In this instance, one side is plural (the group), and the other side appears to be singular, but in reality is plural. This is a decision for not only the individual, but possibly also for the individual's family and friends. This is because the resulting effect will <also> have an effect upon them. It is up to the individual making the decision to figure all this out. Need help, the HPS is right there.

When I started in the work force, I figured I would go to work and be wholesome (the straights, rednecks, and the nerds have the money, so you have to be able to pass as one in order to get the good jobs; unless you work in a tattoo shop or head shop). Then come home, put on my black t-shirt and suck a beer. However, over the years, the two worlds have merged. One overcomes the other. It is impossible, long term, to keep two things that are such a major part of your life totally separate.

The amount of separation, and how they interact, primarily is up to you.

I have heard from others outside the group, that (in a similar situation) an individual should “throw away the past, because it was bad or no longer valid”. I disagree. Whatever a person has done previously has made that person exactly what they are today. While I do not say we should drag ourselves through the mud publicly, I do believe that we should remember the lessons learned. If one was previously a Southern Baptist, that is ok. There are good lessons to be learned from that.

You plant a garden. You go out and harvest. You harvest that which is best, and leave behind that which is inedible. Many of the harvests in life, and the steps in life, are like that. You absorb that which you have learned from your previous teachers and steps; and integrate that into you next step. The skills you learned rolling over were used in learning to crawl. The skills you learned in crawling, were used in learning to standing up and walk. The skills you learned in walking were useful in learning to ride a bicycle. The skills you learned riding the bicycle, assisted you in learning to drive a car. It all builds upon itself.

Excitement is good, and yet, who can you tell this to. Only to a few of your closest friends. Still discretion must be used. Those who are accepting of your situation may change their minds if the wrong word is spoken, or if the appearance is something that they may not abide. This is a judgment of people that everyone learns through life. Some learn it easily, some learn it painfully. This is a consideration for any one whose path is not in the middle of the mainstream of society.

This verbiage could be considered a negative statement, but when dealing with dogs and cats, some must be kept separated. Some may be put together. It all depends upon the upbringing of

the animals and what they consider normal. Some work well together, others not. The difficult ones are the ones that mostly work together but have unknown triggers that can cause problems.

Again, this may be considered a negative dissertation. But if you plan to take a trip, the key word is PLAN. You plan to take enough money, gas, clothes, and whatever other stuff that will make the trip successful and pleasant. The same consideration must be made in this instance. Do not dwell upon the negative, but always be aware of it. I say to plan for the worst, and be pleasantly surprised when it does not occur. If it does, your spare tire has been checked to see that it still contains air, you did check it, in the last year, right

The needs of the individuals in a trip are different, the desires of the individuals to visit different things are different. I call this the "product mix." The product mix will be weighed and the best solution to making the trip successful for all will be determined.

So as you mull over the next step in life, try to consider things that may not be obvious. It is possible that the non-obvious may come to the fore-front and become important for a short while and overshadow the main thrust.

Enough for now, lunch calls.