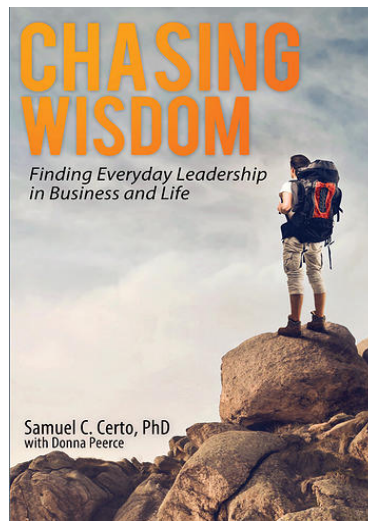


STUDY GUIDE

Chapter 11: Run the Wisdom Marathon



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Run the Wisdom Marathon

(Chapter 11)

Directions: You have now finished reading “Run the Wisdom Marathon” – the eleventh chapter in *Chasing Wisdom: Finding Everyday Leadership in Business and Life*. The following activities will help you to review and internalize key points within the chapter. Performing these activities thoughtfully will help you to chase wisdom effectively on your journey to becoming a wiser leader. You will surely enjoy the video exercise: “**Out of the Box Thinking... Tom Hanks as Forrest Gump RUNS.**”

Exercise 1: Opening Verse (p. 257) – Fill in the Blanks

Do you not know that in a race all the runners _____ but only one gets the _____? Run in such a way as to _____ the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV)

What does this verse mean?

How can you use the meaning of this verse to help you become a wiser leader?

Exercise 2. The No Instant Wisdom Adventure (p. 258)

What is the main lesson you've learned from Matthew's No Instant Wisdom Adventure about YOU becoming a wiser business leader?

Exercise 3. In your own words, what is the Wisdom Marathon Track? (p. 263)

Exercise 4. Key Quote (p. 271)

“To run the Wisdom Marathon successfully, you must be able to accurately define a problem.”

What can you do to become a wiser leader based upon this quote?

Exercise 5. Question for Reflection (p. 264)

Which steps in the Wisdom Marathon Track would be hardest for you to implement? Explain.

Exercise 6. What Else (entire chapter)

What other advice based upon this chapter will help you to be a wiser leader?

Exercise 7. Out of the Box Thinking:

Tom Hanks as Forest Gump RUNS!

“FORREST GUMP” is film about Forrest Gump (played by Tom Hanks), a man with limited brainpower, but very good intentions. He struggles through childhood and eventually joins the army to serve in Vietnam. In the video for this exercise, Forrest is a child and his friend Jenny encourages him to run from a group of bullies. The scene ends in spectacular fashion!

Click this box to view the video highlight:

Forrest Gump’s RUN!

After viewing the video, thoughtfully respond to the following question(s):

What parallels do you see in this clip about Forrest’s RUN and you running the Wisdom Marathon?

Do the bullies in the video signify anything special in your marathon?

Exercise 8. YOU and Your Chase (p. 280)

Review the “tips” in this section for becoming a wiser leader. Which “tip” seems most relevant for YOU in your business or life situation?

Why?

If you can think of a “tip” not in this section, please share it.

Exercise 9. Just a Few Facts

Fill in your answers below in the blank spaces. Check your answers on the next page.

1. _____ for _____ _____ is the wellspring of wisdom.
2. Wisdom is not a tool that you use to achieve _____ _____.
3. Respect for God’s word is the _____ for determining the right and wrong ways to handle issues.
4. Wisdom marathoners _____.
5. Wisdom marathoners focus on _____.
6. _____ behavior can ruin a _____ reputation.
7. Symptoms play no role in defining problems.

True _____ False _____ (mark correct answer with an “x”)

Answers:

Exercise 1. Opening Verse: Run, prize, get

Exercise 9. Just a Few Facts

- 1. Respect, God's, word (p. 273)**
- 2. Personal, ambition (p. 273)**
- 3. Standard (p. 273)**
- 4. Do (p. 274)**
- 5. Themselves (p. 277)**
- 6. Foolish, wise (p. 275)**
- 7. F (p. 270)**