

**IF +
THEN =**

the equation for blessing

If we put our faith in God's advice, then God will channel His power to bring about our blessing.

IF + THEN = WELL-BEING

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Proverbs 3:7-8 (NLT)

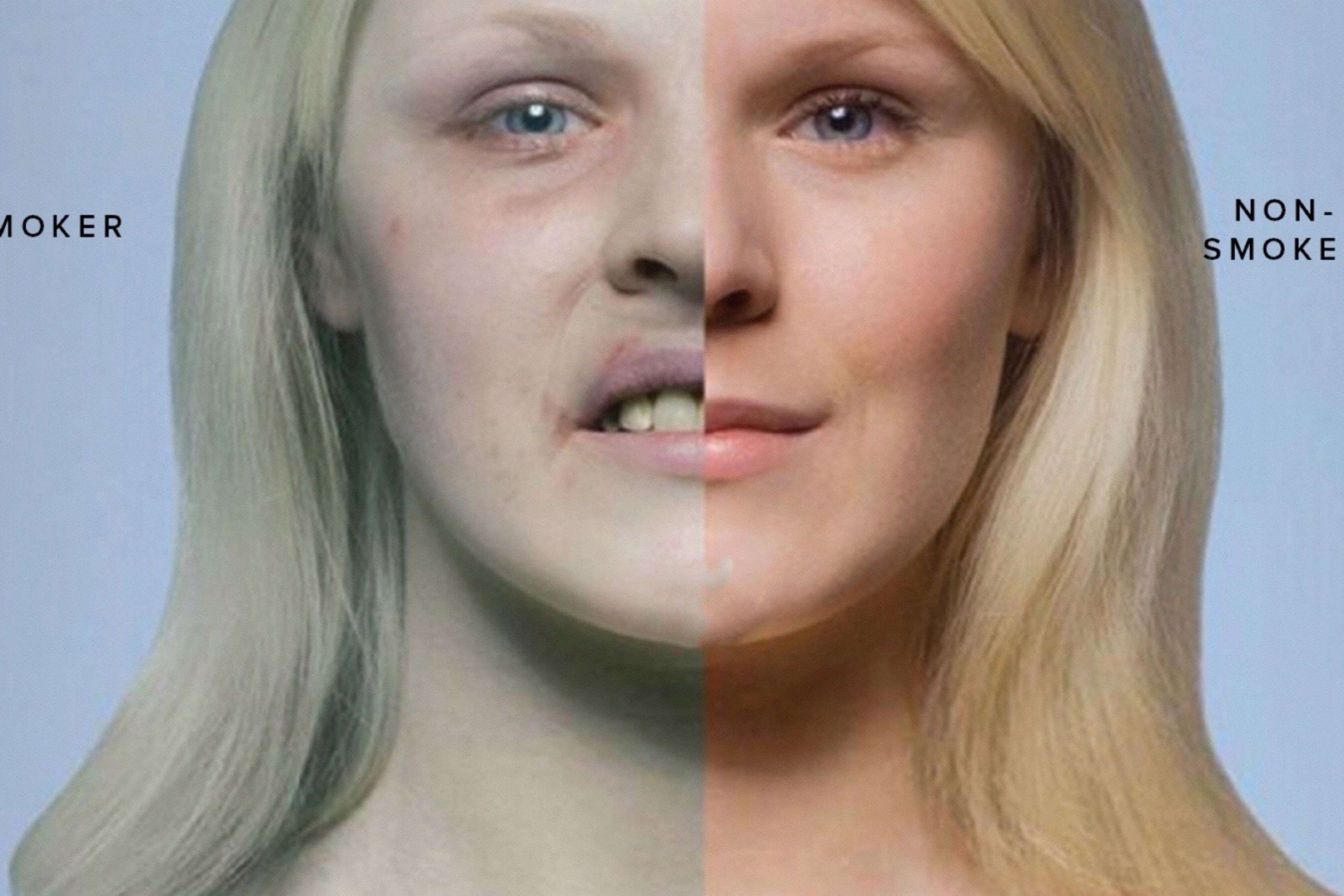
*If (We Respect God's Word) + Then (God's Power)
= Our Well-Being*

Well-Being: fresh vitality, wholeness, put together.



SMOKER

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DON'T THINK YOU KNOW BETTER THAN GOD

¹² Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them.

Proverbs 26:12 (NIV)

¹² There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

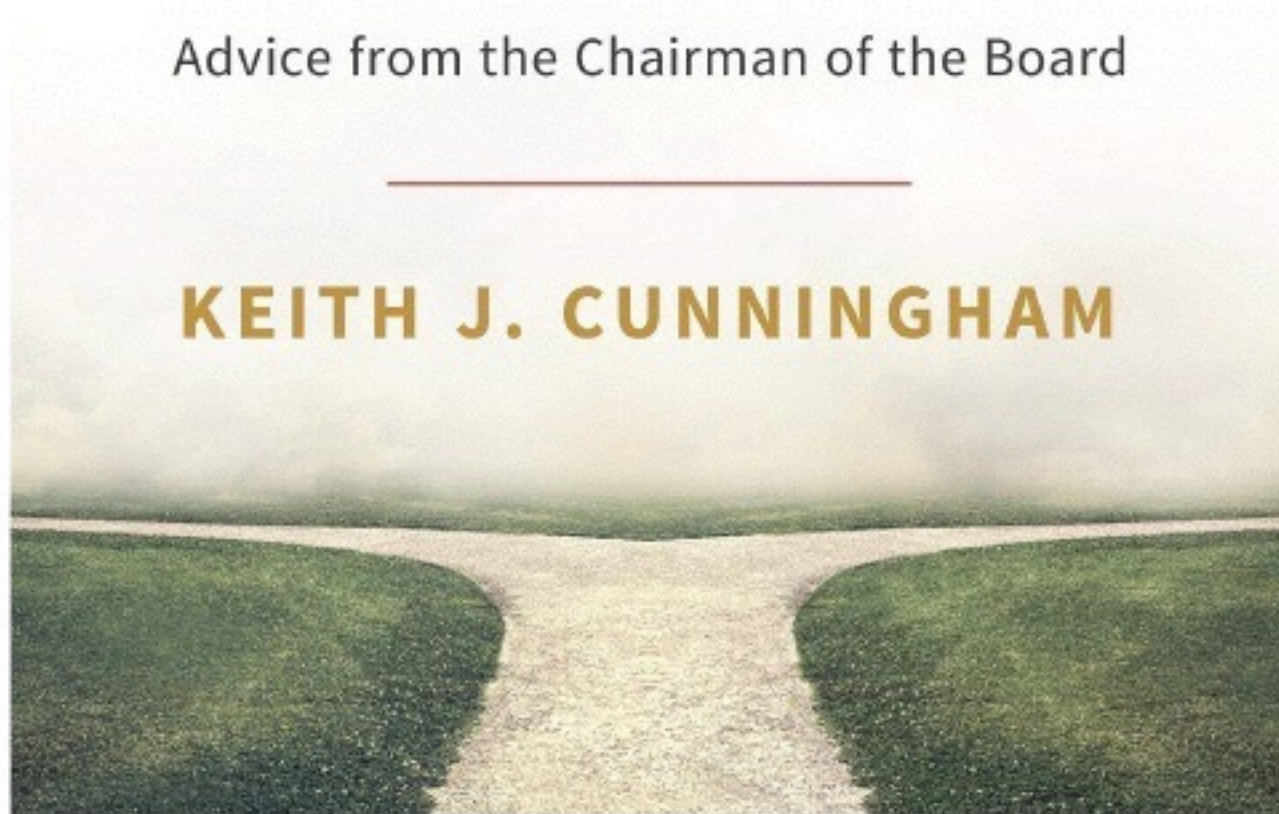
Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)

Avoiding the dumb mistakes that sabotage
growth, profits and business success

THE ROAD LESS STUPID

Advice from the Chairman of the Board

KEITH J. CUNNINGHAM



“The riskiest moment is when you think you are right.” - *Peter Bernstein*

“Most people, when confronted with a choice of changing their thoughts or proving there is no need to change, get busy on the proof.”
- *John Maynard Keynes*

“You will pay the dumb tax if you ignore these principles or you will pay to fix the problem. Either way, you are writing a check. One happens to be far smaller than the other.”
- *Keith J. Cunningham*

DECIDE BASED ON RESPECT RATHER THAN REASON

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²⁶ Like a muddied spring or a polluted well are the righteous who give way to the wicked.

Proverbs 25:26 (NIV)

⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:6-7 (NIV)

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The Reasoning of the World for Marijuana:

- “Everything God made is good.”
- “God made marijuana plants.”
- “Therefore, smoking marijuana is good.”

The Reasoning of God’s Word:

¹⁹ Do you not know that **your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

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¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, **which leads to debauchery**. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)

1 in 20 deaths globally is a result of alcohol use

By Nina Avramova, CNN

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“There’s no amount of liquor, wine or beer that is safe for your overall health...we’re used to hearing that a drink or two a day is fine. But the evidence is the evidence.”

(CNN) — Over 3 million people died from alcohol consumption in 2016, equating to 1 in 20 deaths globally, according to a new report by the [World Health Organization](#).

More than 75% of these deaths were among men, says the report, published Friday.

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¹²“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—**but I will not be mastered by anything.** ¹³You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

1 Corinthians 6:12-13 (NIV)

Mastered: dominated; to be controlled or subject to the power, authority, or influence of another.



On the left is a billboard in Chicago, promoting **Ashley Madison**, a website that caters to people looking for anonymous extramarital affairs.

*“Believe in something.
Even if it means sacrificing
nothing.”*

#LifeisShort

TURN AWAY BEFORE IT'S GRAY

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In An Evil World, We Need to Be Thinking In Terms of Tactics Rather Than Excuses:

1. Run: ²² Flee the evil desires of youth. - 2 Timothy 2:22 (NIV)

2. Don't Feed the Flesh: ¹⁴ Make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. - Romans 13:14 (NASB)

3. Be Thoughtful: ²² Abstain from all appearance of evil.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:22 (NKJV)

4. Don't Allow Opportunities: ²⁷ Do not give the devil a foothold.
- Ephesians 4:27 (NIV)

5. Put it Away: ³ I will set no worthless thing before my eyes.
- Psalm 101:3 (NASB)

TURN AWAY BEFORE IT'S GRAY

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Jeremiah 6:16 (NIV)