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I'm torn between two desires: Sometimes I want to live, and sometimes I long to go and be with Christ. That would be far better for me, but it is better for you that I live. Phil. 1:23-24 (NLT)

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• Do don't just go through things – _____ thru them!

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5) How we _____ is more important than how we begin.

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6) _____ accomplishes more than anger.

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Patience is better than pride. Don't be quick-tempered, for anger is the friend of fools. Don't long for "the good old days," for you don't know whether they were any better than today. Eccl. 7:8-10 (NLT)

Two Major Benefits of Wisdom!

1) It keeps me from _____ wounds.

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2) It gives me God's _____ on life.

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