



## **Major Purposes - Big Buys, Bigger Purpose** **Pastor James Heyward**

**BEFORE I BUY BIG, I ASK ABOUT PURPOSE, NOT JUST PRICE.**

- Recognize the possible ‘danger’

*“A prudent person sees trouble coming and ducks; a simpleton walks in blindly and is clobbered.” Proverbs 27:2 (MSG)*

*“The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.” Proverbs 27:2 (NIV)*

*“A wise one sees the danger early and steps aside; the clueless just keep strolling and get wrecked.” Proverbs 27:2 (JH2V)*

**1. What do these verses say to you about making a big buy without considering the future impact on your life and mission?**

**2. Have you made a big buy and later regretted the decision?**

- Price purchasing vs purpose purchasing
  - Price asks ‘can I afford it’?
  - Purpose asks ‘should I be attaching myself to this commitment’?

**3. What motivates you to make a big purchase (feels right, it is trendy, it is a great price)?**

**4. What was the deciding factor in making your last big buy?**

**5. What purpose did/ does your last big buy fulfill?**

- Counsel before commitment

*“Refuse good advice and watch your plans fail; take good counsel and watch them succeed.” Proverbs 15:22 (MSG)*

**6. Whose counsel do you seek before making a big buy?**

**Do you seek counsel before a big buy?**

**7. Who would you go to for counsel before making a big buy?**

- Big buys can influence your mission

- Big buys can be a tool or a tether
- Big buys are driven either by calling or comparison
- Big buys can position you for God opportunities

**8. Is your last big buy, or one you are considering, a tool with a purpose or a tether that will negatively affect your margin and/or your calling?**

**9. Is your big buy motivated by comparison or calling?**

**10. How could a big buy put you in a position for God opportunities?**

- A grid for assessing big buys

- 1) Pray - ‘Lord, is this right for this season’?
- 2) Pause - build in a holy delay
- 3) Plan - what does this do to my margin and mission?
- 4) People - get wise counsel

**11. Which of these -pray, pause, plan, people - do you need to incorporate into your ‘big buys’ decision-making?**