Dr Turoa Royal QSO of Ngāti Raukawa has a reputation as an outstanding educator and innovator in Māori and indigenous education circles. He said, there are many challenges facing Māori society today and Māoridom requires a greater depth in leadership and a greater astuteness, commitment, energy and vision in handling the issues of today and tomorrow. Whether the challenges include fulfilment of Treaty obligations, tino rangatiratanga, language and cultural revival, constitutional change, or economic advancement it requires of our leaders to act with utmost integrity, good judgement and wisdom.

There are probably those people who are born with the inherent ability to make the right decision, each and every time. Most of us, however, require a bit of learning and wisdom before we are considered to be a shrewd or astute leader. For most of us it comes about after making a lot of other choices, some of them wrong and some of them right. When your path seems a little wayward, briefly pause and think of the challenges you've had in the past - and then draw on your past experiences and successes to fuel your future accomplishments. Kia pai tō wiki!