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Going astray in a difficult situation.

Literally translated, the four characters mean “fork of roads lose sheep.” Therefore, to understand the idiom, one must first know the historical story behind it.

One day, a villager lost one of his sheep. Yang Zi, a scholar in the Warring States Period, asked his neighbor why he sent many villagers out to look for his lost sheep. His neighbor said because there were many branch roads. This way each group would be able to take different branches to find the sheep.

Unfortunately, the villagers came back without finding the lost sheep. This was because each road led to more branch roads, and eventually there were not enough villagers to go down all of the branch roads. Therefore, they did not know which branch to choose to find the lost sheep.

Moral: Without direction and a correct method, when confronted with many choices and complicated situations, one could easily go astray and not achieve one’s goals.

As applied to the article link, asset protection planning is a very complicated area. There are many tools, however many times they are not used properly or they are combined incorrectly. In this respect, many people end up not achieving the goal they wished, because they were not properly informed which road to follow.