

What does it mean to be wise?

DAY 4

There are two parts to wisdom. The first part is finding out what you should do. You might talk to God. You might read your Bible to see what God says in His Word. You might talk to someone further along in his or her walk with God that can point you in the right direction. However you do it, God wants you to search for His will.

The second part is just as important as the first! Once you have figured out what God wants you to do in a situation, you should do it. If you know what God wants from you, but choose not to do it, that is showing the opposite of wisdom: foolishness.

ASK GOD TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT TO DO AND THEN TO HAVE COURAGE TO DO WHAT HE IS ASKING!



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DAY 1

What do you think of when you hear the word "wisdom?" Let's figure out what wisdom means by reading Luke 2:41-52.

Even though Jesus was fully God, He still searched for wisdom during His time on earth. He spent time in God's house talking with wise men who knew God's word.

HE ASKED QUESTIONS.

HE LEARNED FROM OTHERS.

WISDOM IS FINDING OUT WHAT YOU SHOULD DO AND DOING IT.

WEEK 1

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DAY 2

Have you looked at your memory verse for this month yet? If you haven't, read James 1:5 and highlight it in your Bible.

This verse says that if we ask God for wisdom, He will give it to us. Not maybe.

IT SAYS HE WILL!

HOW EXCITING IS THAT?!

WE HAVE NO REASON NOT TO ASK GOD FOR WISDOM.

Start today. What is happening this week that you may need wisdom? Get alone with God and ask Him to give you wisdom in all situations this week, especially the tough ones.



PRAY
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DAY 3

Ride your bike around your neighborhood and find the tallest tree you can. Then, look at that tree's roots. The taller the tree, the bigger and deeper the roots must be in the ground. Just like strong and tall trees, the more we want to grow in wisdom, the more deeply rooted in God's Word we must be.

HOW DO YOU STAY ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD?

Reading your GodTimes, like you are doing now, is a great way to do that! Talk to a trusted adult about how Jesus grew in wisdom as He got older. Ask him/her to share specific examples of ways to grow in wisdom throughout life.



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What could keep you from being wise?

DAY 4

We've all done it: walked right into a situation that we knew would get us into trouble, but we did it anyway.

Why? Well, the short answer to that question is sin. Ever since Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, we have all been born with a sinful nature. That means it's our natural instinct is to make the unwise choice instead of the wise choice, to disobey God instead of obeying Him.

That is why it is so important that we ask God for wisdom and act on it when He answers our prayer.

GO AHEAD AND PRAY FOR THAT NOW.



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DAY 1

READ PROVERBS 22:3.

Paraphrasing Bible verses can help you make sure you understand what they mean! Rewrite this verse in your own words on the lines below. Feel free to illustrate it too if that helps!

Many times danger might not look scary or even visible, really. So how can we know? Maybe it's talking to an adult or opening your Bible to see what it says about a certain topic. Hang up this verse in a spot where you will see it every day! This week, use it as a reminder to search for wisdom before you make decisions.



WEEK 2

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Praying for wisdom isn't a one-time occasion. Truly wise people ask God for wisdom throughout their whole lives!

Say the prayer below today, and remember that you can say a prayer like this whenever you need God's guidance in a sticky situation.

"Dear God, help me to be aware of situations that lead to danger or other bad consequences. Give me wisdom to know when I need to stop what I'm doing or seek advice from someone I trust. Keep me from being childish, and help me to grow in wisdom just like Jesus did. Amen"



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Searching for wisdom can happen in a lot of ways. For you, it might be listening to others stories, reading your Bible, or looking back at choices you made in the past. Today, let's focus on listening to someone else's story. Talk with a trusted adult today and ask them to share a time with you when they made an unwise choice that led to negative consequences.

Did they learn from their mistake and grow in wisdom, or did they make the same unwise choice again?

Share an example from your own life, too!

TAKE TIME THIS WEEK TO DISCOVER THE BEST WAY FOR YOU TO HUNT FOR WISDOM.



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Why does it matter who your friends are?

DAY 4

Proverbs 13:20 says, *Walk with wise people and become wise. A companion of foolish people suffers harm, (NIRV).*

Picture this:

One person is standing on a chair, while a second person is standing on the ground. Which scenario is easier? Is it easier for the person on the chair to pull the person on the ground up? Or is it easier for the person on the ground to pull the person off the chair?

You may be thinking, "What does that have to do with wisdom?" If you spend enough time with friends who are unwise, it will be much easier for those unwise friends to lead you down the wrong path, away from God's will for your life, than it will be for you to make them wise. God is the source of wisdom; remember? Unless your friends are seeking wisdom from God, you might need to reconsider how much time you spend with them.



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Read 2 Chronicles 10.

In this chapter, Rehoboam had just become the new king of Israel. Many evil kings who mistreated the people had been in power before him. Rehoboam was faced with a decision. What kind of king would he be? To help him make his decision, he sought counsel from two different groups: older (and probably wiser) men followed by his young (and unwise) friends.

Is it a bad idea to seek advice from your friends? Of course not! BUT, there's a catch: *It's not a bad idea to seek advice from your friends IF your friends are wise.*

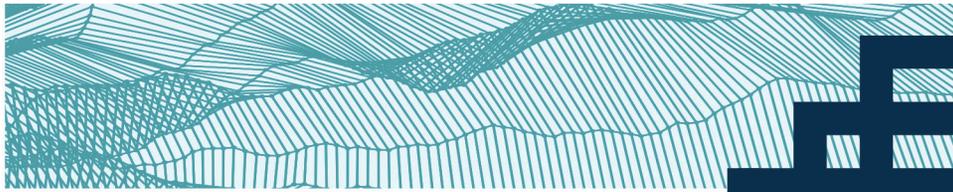
Unfortunately, Rehoboam didn't have wise friends. So, when he took their advice, there were negative consequences for him and the kingdom of Israel.

Be sure to think through the people you're hanging out with. Are they wise or unwise?

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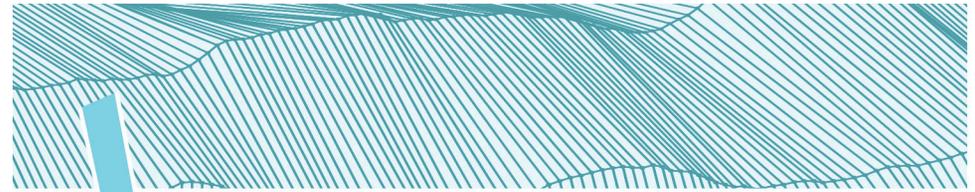


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Do you have a photo of your closest friends? If you do, put it somewhere you will see it every day or set it as the lock screen on your phone. Every time you see it, pray that your friends would search for wisdom and live by it. Send them a text to let them know you are praying for them!

Or, maybe you know your friend group isn't exactly made up of people who care about searching for wisdom from God.

Ask God to help you make friends with people who care about finding out what God wants them to do in life and then doing it.



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We've been talking a lot about friends. If you find that the people you're hanging out with aren't wise, then talk to a trusted adult. It's time to practice getting wisdom from someone you trust.

If your friends make good choices, start by asking a trusted adult if he/she has ever been influenced by unwise friends to make bad decisions.

Have you?

How do you know when it's time to find a new group of friends?

Do you have any tough decisions to make regarding who you spend most of your time with?



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Why can't you trust yourself to always make the wise choice?

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Do you remember how we talked about our sinful nature back in Week 2? Because of our sinful nature, we should live every day fully trusting in God to help us make wise choices and to show us the right way to live.

Wisdom doesn't just come with age. There are plenty of people who have lived long lives, but still don't have wisdom because they never searched for it from God. *Remember, wisdom comes with a growing relationship with God as we get to know Him better through knowing His Word.* That's why He gave us the Bible. So, use it!

DIG IN DEEP, SEEKING, AND PRAYING FOR WISDOM THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE.

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READ PROVERBS 3:5-6.

This is one of the more well-known Proverbs because it is so full of useful wisdom! Although it might sound simple, living out this verse can be harder than you think.

It says to trust in the Lord with ALL your heart. Not most of your heart, but ALL your heart. It also tells us not to depend on our own understanding. That means we shouldn't be overconfident that we always have the right answer to things. God can see the big picture much better than we can. The kicker comes in the next line, "In ALL your ways obey Him." Yikes!

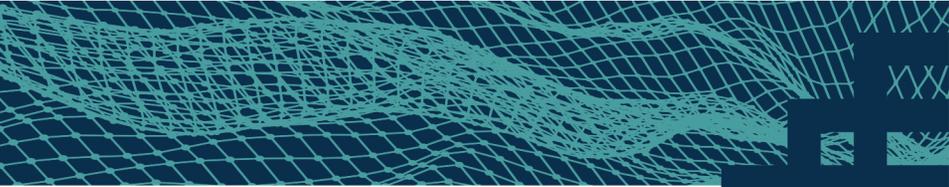
The reward at the end makes it worth it though, doesn't it? "He will make your paths straight."



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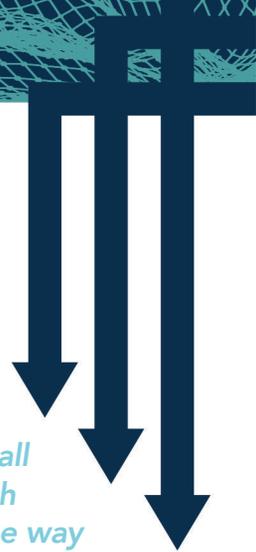


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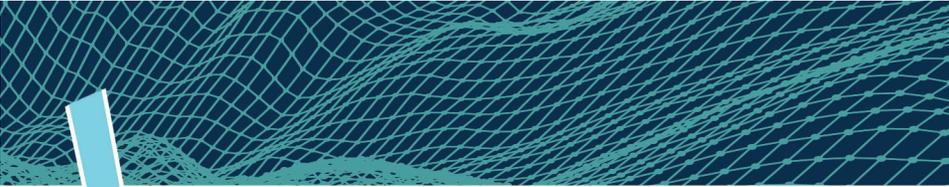
Praying Bible verses back to God is a great skill to work on as you grow in your faith.

Let's turn Proverbs 3:5-6 into a prayer:

“Dear Father, help me to trust in you with all my heart. Don't let me only see life through my own eyes, but help me to see things the way You see them. Give me the strength and courage to obey You in every situation I face. Make Your will for me clear and make my paths straight as I follow You every day. Amen”



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Wisdom is something that a lot of us gain as we go through life. We learn through experiences, other people, and our own relationship with Jesus. Being young doesn't mean you have to wait to start growing your wisdom! Take some time to talk about all you've learned about wisdom this month. Then, think about and discuss how you will continue to seek wisdom.

Choose a trusted adult to talk with today about what you've been learning about wisdom.

Is there anything going on in your life that you could use wisdom from God to help you with?

SHARE IT AND ASK HIM/HER TO PRAY WITH YOU.



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