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Seek Wisdom

King Solomon is known for his wisdom. In 1 Kings 3:9(NIV) he asks God, "give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong." In verse ten the Bible tells us the Lord was pleased that Solomon asked for this instead of long life, wealth, or the death of his enemies. The Lord then bestows Solomon with wisdom and a discerning heart.

When was the last time you asked the Lord for wisdom and discernment to distinguish between right and wrong? We as believers in Jesus Christ have the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Yet, to know wisdom, or right from wrong, and to follow it are two different things!

*We can be led into sin and rebellion even though we have wisdom and discernment, by the people we choose to be with. Solomon, full of wisdom, married pagan women for political reasons, his own fleshly desires and to get himself ahead in life. He, like us, so often do not wait on God to align us with the right people and allow Him to get us where we need to be. Our vision and discernment can become obscured when we are not looking to Wisdom/Jesus as our source. This is where confusion can come in and thus choosing wrong or what may appear right, over what is truly right - the truth. The truth is only found in God*s Word. He is the giver of life, knowledge and all wisdom. Choose to live a life unobstructed and clear by spending time in God*s Word. The Bible is where you will find wisdom and get knowledge. This is the first place to begin your study for your life and the goals God has set in your heart to achieve. He will lead you in all truth and set your feet on the right path. He will give you guidance for relationships, school, work and even play. So I encourage you - Seek Wisdom.*

Read Proverbs chapter 2.

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair - every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you and understanding will guard you. Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways, who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways. It will save you also from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words, who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God. For her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead. None who go to her return or attain the paths of life. Thus you will walk in the ways of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will live in the land and the blameless will remain in it; but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be torn from it.