



“The Search for the Right Thing”

January 20, 2008

Jody Mayes

WISDOM...definition - “Doing the right thing at the right time”

HOW DO YOU GET WISDOM?

1. Ask _____ for it.

“For the Lord gives wisdom...” Proverbs 2:6 (NIV)

2. Make it your _____.

“Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.” Proverbs 4:7 (NIV)

“How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!” Proverbs 16:16 (NIV)

3. Accept discipline and _____.

“My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.” Proverbs 3:11-12 (NIV)

4. Learn from _____ people.

“Listen my sons, to a father’s instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. When I was a boy in my father’s house, still tender, and an only child of my mother, he taught me and said ‘Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live’” Proverbs 4:1-4 (NIV)

5. Seek the _____ of others.

“The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.” Proverbs 12:15 (NIV)

6. Do life with other _____ people.

“He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.” Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)

7. _____ and shun evil.

“A wise man fears the Lord and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.” Proverbs 14:16 (NIV)

Additional passages for study this

Psalm 51:6 • Luke 2:52 • Acts 6:3 • Ephesians 1:17 • Colossians 2:3

Guide to a Quiet Time

1. PRAY.....

Spend a couple minutes asking God to reboot your mind and conscience as you read His Words to you. Thank God for another day of life and tell Him that you will live it for Him. Ask that He would give you wisdom, insight and understanding as you study.

2. READ.... the “Additional passages for study this week”

3. ASK.... these Four Questions (Don’t forget to *answer* them!)

a. What does this say?

b. Why is this included in the Bible?

c. What should I do about it?

How do I apply this? Is this a relationship thing, a thought issue, money issue, purity issue, reconciliation issue, work issue, etc.

d. How can I remember?

Is there something to memorize or write down on a note card, or ask someone to check with you about and hold you accountable?

4. PRAY.....

a. through the passage you were in

For instance if you were reading through Daniel, you could pray that God would give you the courage and conviction that Daniel had when facing opposition.

b. through your schedule

Example - people you are going to meet with, things that need to be accomplished, and the decisions that need to be made. If there are temptations in your schedule or celebrations just ask God to go before you that day.

c. for your relationships

Pray for family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and acquaintances. You could also pray for missionaries, leaders in your church and country.

Heavenly Father, let the light of your Word shine down into the dark places of my heart. Let the promises of Your Word encourage my soul. Let the truth of Your Word reshape my attitudes, and let the wisdom of Your Word guide my decisions.