

SALT & LIGHT

Build character and stand up for what you believe

WISDOM

Wisdom isn't only for your grandmother—or for your mom for that matter. There's a reason God made you the way you are—with an intricately designed brain. So always think of good opportunities to use it. Wisdom is one of the greatest treasures you can have. It can help you achieve a great deal in life and, most importantly, glorify God.

Know Yourself

Do you think wisdom is important? Why or why not? Who is the wisest person you know? Why do you think so? How does someone get wisdom? Do you think you have it?

Know the Word

Read: 2 Chronicles 1.1-12

1. What did Solomon ask God to give him?
2. Why do you think Solomon asked him for it?
3. How did God respond?

Remember It!: *"God replied: Solomon, you could have asked me to make you rich or famous or to let you live a long time. Or you could have asked for your enemies to be destroyed. Instead, you asked for wisdom and knowledge to rule my people. So I will make you wise and intelligent. But I will also make you richer and more famous than any king before or after you."*

2 Chronicles 1.11-12 (CEV)

Read More! (if you dare): Psalm 53.2; Proverbs 1.5-7; Ecclesiastes 9.17

Know Others

Wisdom Upon Leaving Home: "Try to do to others as you would have them do to you, and do not be discouraged if they fail sometimes. It is much better for you that they should fail in obeying the greatest rule laid down by our Savior than that you should. I put a New Testament among your books for the very same reasons, and with the very same hopes, that made me write an easy account of it for you, when you were a little child. Because it is the best book that ever was, or will be, known in the world; and because it teaches you the best lessons by which any human creature, who tries to be truthful and faithful to duty, can possibly be guided. As your brothers have gone away, one by one, I have written to each such words as I am now writing to you, and have entreated them all to guide themselves by this Book, putting aside the interpretations and inventions of Man. You will remember that you have never at home been harassed about religious observances, or mere formalities, I have always been anxious not to weary my children with such things, before they are old enough to form opinions respecting them. You will therefore understand the better that I now most solemnly impress upon you the truth and beauty of the Christian Religion, as it came from Christ Himself, and the impossibility of your going far wrong if you humbly but heartily respect it." —Charles Dickens to his son.

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The Choice Is Yours

The Bible often describes wisdom as a precious jewel. How do you see it now? Why not ask God for wisdom to help you get through good times and bad? After you pray, take note of the way that you now see everything. How does wisdom help you deal with others? How does it benefit you and the people around you?