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## **My Wisdom**

**How do you want to live your life?** That is quite a broad question. **I will narrow the scope of my question. Will you rely on your wisdom or will you rely on my wisdom to guide the course of your life? Will you allow my wisdom to form all your thoughts and words and actions or will you follow your own counsel and live by your own guidance? How is that? Have I made my questions clear enough for you to consider? Can you see two distinctly different choices before you relating to the leadership of your life? I could also ask, "Who will be in charge of your life?" Will you be in charge of your life or will I be in charge of your life?** Your questions are now quite clear. I have no confusion about what you are asking of me. I do see two very clear and opposing choices before me. There is no doubt about that. **That's good.** I believe that I have already answered your questions, once and for all time. **How so?** On the day that I asked you to come into my life and be my Savior and Lord, I turned the leadership of my life over to you. I acknowledged and confessed my sins to you. I left my old life of sin and darkness, in the world, and began to walk in the light with you. I told you that I wanted to know you. I told you that I wanted to walk in your ways. I told you that I wanted to live a life that is good and right and pleasing to you. My old life is gone. My new life with you is here. Does that seem like an adequate answer to your questions? **It is more than an adequate answer to my questions. You have answered my questions well.** That's good.

**You have answered my questions well on a once for all time basis and that is very good. But what about on a day to day basis?** I'm not sure what you mean. **Would it be good for you to keep on reaffirming your once and for all time decision to rely on my wisdom? Would it be good for you to commit to ask for, receive and act on my wisdom everyday as you love, follow and serve me?** Yes, that would be very good. **Why is that?** I need to continually remind myself that I will be relying on your wisdom as I walk through life with you. That is something I must never forget. That is something I must always do. I must always ask for and continue to live by your wisdom. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I desperately need your wisdom. Without your wisdom I will make many foolish mistakes and take many dumb missteps. So, I am asking for your wisdom to guide all my thoughts, words and actions. Guide the entire course of my life with your wisdom. Amen*

**Promises** *The Lord Gives Wisdom*

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.

NIV Proverbs 2:6-11

**Promises** *The Lord Grants Wisdom*

For the LORD grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him. Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy. Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.

NLT Proverbs 2:6-11

**Promises** *The Lord Gives Wisdom*

For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly, guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; prudence will watch over you; and understanding will guard you.

NRSV Proverbs 2:6-11

**Promises** *The Lord Gives Skillful And Godly Wisdom*

For the Lord gives skillful *and* godly Wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He hides away sound *and* godly Wisdom *and* stores it for the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with Him); He is a shield to those who walk uprightly *and* in integrity, That He may guard the paths of justice; yes, He preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness, justice, and fair dealing [in every area and relation]; yes, you will understand every good path. For skillful *and* godly Wisdom shall enter into your heart, and knowledge shall be pleasant to you. Discretion shall watch over you, understanding shall keep you, Proverbs 2:6-11 (AMP)

AMP Proverbs 2:6-11

**Promises** *The Lord Gives Wisdom*

For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk in integrity, Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones. Then you will discern righteousness and justice And equity *and* every good course. For wisdom will enter your heart And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; Discretion will guard you, Understanding will watch over you,

NASB Proverbs 2:6-11

**Promises** *The Lord Gives Wisdom*

For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,

ESV Proverbs 2:6-11

**Promises** *The Lord Gives Wisdom*

For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity *and* every good path. When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you,

NKJV Proverbs 2:6-11

**Promises** *The Lord Gives Out Wisdom*

And here's why: GOD gives out Wisdom free, is plainspoken in Knowledge and Understanding. He's a rich mine of Common Sense for those who live well, a personal bodyguard to the candid and sincere. He keeps his eye on all who live honestly, and pays special attention to his loyally committed ones. So now you can pick out what's true and fair, find all the good trails! Lady Wisdom will be your close friend, and Brother Knowledge your pleasant companion. Good Sense will scout ahead for danger, Insight will keep an eye out for you.

MSG Proverbs 2:6-11

**Promises** *The Lord Grants Wisdom*

For the Lord grants wisdom! His every word is a treasure of knowledge and understanding. He grants good sense to the godly—his saints. He is their shield, protecting them and guarding their pathway. He shows how to distinguish right from wrong, how to find the right decision every time. For wisdom and truth will enter the very center of your being, filling your life with joy. You will be given the sense to stay away from evil men who want you to be their partners in crime—men who turn from God's ways to walk down dark and evil paths

TLB Proverbs 2:6-11

**Promises** *The Lord Gives Wisdom*

Only the LORD gives wisdom; he gives knowledge and understanding. He stores up wisdom for those who are honest. Like a shield he protects the innocent. He makes sure that justice is done, and he protects those who are loyal to him. Then you will understand what is honest and fair and what is the good and right thing to do. Wisdom will come into your mind, and knowledge will be pleasing to you. Good sense will protect you; understanding will guard you.

NCV Proverbs 2:6-11

# The Lord Gives Wisdom

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – Proverbs 2:6-11

**In Context:** *Read Proverbs 2*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I desperately need your wisdom. Without your wisdom I will make many foolish mistakes and take many dumb missteps. So, I am asking for your wisdom to guide all my thoughts, words and actions. Guide the entire course of my life with your wisdom. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What has convinced you that you desperately need the Lord's wisdom to guide your thoughts, words and actions?

**When have you realized that you were thinking or speaking or acting very unwisely?**

What time and energy have you wasted by relying on your own wisdom to guide the course of your life?

When has your failure to heed wisdom and counsel caused a train wreck like event in your life?

**How are you relying on God's word to give you the wisdom you will need in life?**

How willing are you to listen to wise counsel from people the Lord brings into your life?

**How determined are you to live every day, going forward, according to the Lord's wisdom?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Ask the Lord to give you wisdom to guide all your thoughts, words, and actions.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will give you wisdom to guide your thoughts, words and actions.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are asking for, receiving and acting on God's wisdom.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you ask for and receive and act on all the wisdom the Lord wants to give to you.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will ask for and receive and act on all the wisdom you want to give to me.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I ask for and receive and act on your wisdom today?*

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