

WISDOM

Finding out
what you should do
and doing it



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READ MATTHEW 18:15

DAY 1

One BIG way to grow wise is to read and learn from the teachings of Jesus. Jesus taught so many powerful truths. A lot of what he said was different than anything people had heard before. Love your neighbor as yourself. Forgive your enemies. Turn the other cheek. But what about getting even? What about winning an argument? What about getting what you deserve?

Sometimes the wisdom of Jesus goes against what we think we should do. But that's why it's WISDOM. Like the passage for today, when someone hurts you or you hurt someone else, you have to make it right. You can't ignore it or act like everything is okay. You should offer an apology or extend forgiveness. That's the best way to get past the hurt that you've done or that someone else has done to you.

Is there anyone in your life who needs your apology or your forgiveness? When there is, remember what Jesus said. Wise people face the situation head on so they can move on.

THANK God for sending His only Son to help us grow in wisdom.

READ MATTHEW 6:31-33

DAY 2

Have you ever worried about something? People worry because they're unsure or concerned about what might happen. Maybe you worry about making friends and fitting in, or playing well during the game. Everyone worries a some point. But Jesus wanted us to know there's a better way. We don't have to worry.

In this passage, Jesus gives some wise advice. Instead of thinking about all the "what ifs," stop and think about "what's true." What's true is that God is in control. What's true is that God loves you. What's true is that He has an awesome plan just for you. What's true is that He will provide everything you need. So, the next time you start to worry about all the "what ifs," STOP yourself and remember all these "what's true" statements instead.

Is there something you're currently worried about? Write down all the "what ifs" that could happen in that particular situation. Now stop and pray and ask God to remind you of "what's true" in your life. Draw a big heart over your list of "what ifs" to remind you that God loves you and will give you the wisdom you need to follow Him.

ASK God to help you remember that He is bigger than any worry you face.



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DAY 3

Do you ever lie in bed and worry about tomorrow? Maybe you have a really big game or a spelling test or a piano recital. Or maybe tomorrow is just like any other typical, day but you're still worried about it. Wisdom says, "Don't worry. Trust God." Worry says, "I'm going to mess this all up. Because I LOVE to get you thinking about what COULD happen!"

The truth is, worrying about tomorrow doesn't make any difference in what happens tomorrow. Worry only makes you scared. And God doesn't want that for you. God wants you to remember that He is in control, that He is WITH you, and that He already knows what tomorrow holds. Jesus said it's better to focus on today.

When you lie down tonight, think of three awesome things that happened today. Instead of worrying about tomorrow, thank God for all the good things that happened today. Tell God that you love Him and that you trust Him with tomorrow, believing that He's in control of it all anyway. Thank Him for reminding you that wise people replace worry with trust.

LOOK for ways to focus on today instead of worrying about tomorrow.

READ PROVERBS 8:10

DAY 4

The teachings of the Bible are as important today as they were when they were written thousands of years ago. How is that possible? Because the words you read have the power to change your thinking and your behavior. They can make you wise.

When it comes to being wise, will you rely on your own strength? Or will you choose to grow in wisdom by regularly reading God's word and applying it to your life?

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KNOW that God's word will make you wise if you choose to read and apply it.

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