

How to get wise

Since being wise is desirable, try these six pointers:

First, know that “the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.” Proverbs 2.6.

So, **second**, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally . . . and it will be given to him.” James 1.5.

Third, in pursuing wisdom, may we also be like the psalmist who told God, “Your laws . . . make me much wiser than my enemies.” Psalm 119.98 (Bible for Today).

Fourth, Jesus drew attention to the importance of outside research. He said, “Which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it.” Luke 14.28.

Fifth, we should be willing to accept advice because “where there is no guidance, the people fall, but in abundance of counsellors there is victory.” Proverbs 11.14 (NASB).

Sixth, to teach us from life itself, God has even built his wisdom into the world of nature. For example, “The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their food in the summer.” Proverbs 30.25.

God encourages careful decision making. Let's not disappoint him.

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“Act like people with good sense.” Ephesians 5.15 (Bible for Today).

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