

Proverbs: Wisdom for Living

Are You Wise

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What we can learn from people called “**Wise**”

Moses- Wise Learner

Learned Egyptian wisdom, then graduated to God's classroom

Acts 7:20-22 “At that time Moses was born—a beautiful child in God’s eyes. His parents cared for him at home for three months. ²¹ When they had to abandon him, Pharaoh’s daughter adopted him and raised him as her own son. ²² Moses was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was powerful in both speech and action.

Joshua- Wise Servant

Learned by observing and chose to obey God

Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him, doing just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Abigail – Wise Wife

Managed her household well in spite of a foolish husband

1 Samuel 25:3 This man’s name was Nabal, and his wife, Abigail, was a sensible and beautiful woman. But Nabal, a descendant of Caleb, was crude and mean in all his dealings.

David –Wise Responder

Never let his failures keep him from the source of wisdom

2 Samuel 14:20 He did it to place the matter before you in a different light. But you are as wise as an angel of God, and you understand everything that happens among us!”

Stephen–Wise Leader

Organized the distribution of food and preached the gospel.

Acts 6:8-10 Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed amazing miracles and signs among the people. ⁹ But one day some men from the Synagogue of Freed Slaves, as it was called, started to debate with him. They were Jews from Cyrene, Alexandria, Cilicia, and the province of Asia. ¹⁰ None of them could stand against the wisdom and the Spirit with which Stephen spoke.

7 Qualities that promote wisdom & success in God’s eyes...

...Choosing to live righteously

Proverbs 10:7 We have happy memories of the godly, but the name of a wicked person rots away.

...Hating what is false

Proverbs 13:5 The godly hate lies; the wicked cause shame and disgrace.

...Committing all work to the Lord

Proverbs 16:3 Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.

...Being self-controlled & even-tempered

Proverbs 17:27,28 A truly wise person uses few words; a person with understanding is even-tempered. ²⁸
Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.

...Humility & fear of the Lord

Proverbs 22:4 True humility and fear of the LORD lead to riches, honor, and long life.

...Willingness to confess & renounce sin

Proverbs 28:13 People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

...Loving wisdom & understanding

Proverbs 19:8 To acquire wisdom is to love oneself; people who cherish understanding will prosper.