

“GRADUATING TO WISDOM”

*“If you need **wisdom** – if you want to know what God wants you to do – ask Him, and He will gladly tell you ... When you ask Him, be sure that you really expect Him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind” (James 1:5-6 NLT).*

BASICS: Right and Wrong.

“Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it” (James 4:17 NLT).

GRADUATE TO: Wise or Unwise.

“For wisdom is better than jewels; and all desirable things cannot compare with her” (Prov 8:11 NASB).

... He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear” (Is 11:3 NASB).

THREE GUIDELINES TO GAINING WISDOM:

1. PURSUE THE BEST INFLUENCERS.

“He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. (Prov 13:20 NASB).

2. LEARN THE ART OF FAST-FORWARDING.

“A prudent person foresees the danger ahead and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences” (Prov 27:12 NLT).

3. WISDOM COMES SLOWLY, SO BE PATIENT.

“... a wise heart knows the proper time and procedure” (Eccl 8:5 NASB).

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth ...” (John 16:13 NASB).

“Know that wisdom is thus for your soul; If you find it, then there will be a future, And your hope will not be cut off” (Prov 24:14 NASB).