

WISDOM FOR LEADERSHIP

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I. INTRODUCTION TO A NEW SEASON

A. New Seasons Emerge from Fresh Encounters with the Holy Spirit

B. Courage for My Calling

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In This New Season
May Your Holy Spirit
Bring To Me...
Courage For My Calling*

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

C. Wisdom for Leadership

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I. THREE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT WISDOM FOR LEADERSHIP

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1. *Opposition Creates Opportunity*

A. Just because some thing is bad does not mean that every thing is bad.

- Increase comes with issues.

B. Sometimes you are Building For Blessing

- God sometimes does the structural before He does the supernatural.
- Your perspective charts your path.

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2. *God Gives Wisdom by His Spirit*

A. Wisdom is confirmed by reputation.

B. Wisdom is protected by integrity.

Ephesians 1:17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Exodus 31:3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—

Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.

1 Kings 3:12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

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James 1:5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

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3. God-sent wisdom leads to God-sent results.

A. Life's issues find insight from God's wisdom.

Luke 12:11-12 "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

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B. Issues addressed with wisdom lead to greater increase.