

Walking In Wisdom
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3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Colossians 4:3-4

A) How does a person become wise?

1) Fear the LORD - understand who HE is

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. Proverbs 9:10

- people who have a right fear and reverence of God are well on their way to being wise.
- on the other hand, those who are flippant in their view of God, and their view of life, and their view of truth—are well on their way of being foolish (or better—confirmed in the foolishness they already possess.)

2) Prayer -

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. James 1:5,

3) Bible study -

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

1 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, 2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; 3 yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:1-5

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

4) Godly instruction -

28 *Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.* Colossians 1:28

B) Before whom are we to walk wisely?

12 *so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.*

1 Thessalonians 4:12

7 *Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.* 1 Timothy 3:7

Your Speech Should Be Gracious

INPUT - what words or phrases come to mind when you think about someone speaking graciously, or speaking with grace?

- saying what is spiritual, wholesome, fitting, kind, sensitive, purposeful, complementary, gentle, truthful, loving, and thoughtful.

29 *Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.*

Ephesians 4:29

Your Speech Should Always Have A Positive Effect On Others "seasoned with salt"

A. Stings when rubbed in a wound

6 *Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.* Proverbs 27:6

B. Preserves and prevents corruption

17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

21 *And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven...*

Colossians 1:17-23