

Wisdom

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

A dear pastor and mentor used to describe wisdom in this way: “It’s knowing not only what to do, but when and how to do it.”

The reality is that we will often come to one of life’s many crossroads and stand with uncertainty, doubting which path to pursue. In other seasons, we may have a firm grasp on what action to take or which words to speak, but the when or how seems to evade us. Whenever I arrive at such a juncture requiring discernment, it’s crucial to remember that there is a prayer God loves to answer on our behalf — a plea for wisdom.

Often, we can become guilty of rushing headlong into our decision-making process. Prior to praying, we might launch into any number of endeavors — even wonderful ministry projects. Oh, and what tragedy usually results. Our great God is lavishly open-handed with the discernment only He can bestow. We aren’t harshly judged for our lack of wisdom — except when we foolishly refuse to take hold of such a valuable gift. Instead, let’s all take the time each day to pray for wisdom — to ask for the discernment we need for every decision we’re sure to face.

