

Wisdom for Real Life Discernment Guide

A practical discernment guide for decisions, stillness, counsel, timing, facts, motives, limits, and the next faithful step.

GOVERNED PRINTABLE EDITION

Proverbs 1:1-7 | James 1:5-8 | Proverbs 15:22

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How to use this edition

What does Scripture ask us to notice before urgency chooses for us?

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Use one page at a time: read the complete cited passage, name the context, answer honestly, choose one practice, and return to review fruit rather than performance.

This resource supports formation and discussion. It is not a substitute for medical, legal, mental-health, safeguarding, or other qualified professional care.

The reading and practice map

1

READ

Open the complete passage.

2

CONTEXT

Name speaker, audience, setting, and movement.

3

TENSION

Tell the truth about the lived pressure.

4

PRACTICE

Choose a concrete, accountable response.

5

REVIEW

Return to evidence, fruit, repair, and next steps.

Guided practice

Proverbs 1:1-7

Wisdom begins with a moral center

Skill without reverence can become efficient foolishness.

- 01 Observation: What does Proverbs 1:1-7 actually say before we summarize it?
- 02 Context: What covenant, literary, historical, or relational setting controls the reading?
- 03 Tension: Where could wisdom begins with a moral center be reduced to a slogan or used carelessly?
- 04 Practice: Which action in this passage can be made concrete, safe, and accountable?

Guided practice

James 1:5-8

Ask for wisdom with integrity

The request for wisdom belongs beside a willingness to receive God's direction.

- 01 Observation: What does James 1:5-8 actually say before we summarize it?
- 02 Context: What covenant, literary, historical, or relational setting controls the reading?
- 03 Tension: Where could ask for wisdom with integrity be reduced to a slogan or used carelessly?
- 04 Practice: Which action in this passage can be made concrete, safe, and accountable?

Honest reflection before application

01 What does Scripture ask us to notice before urgency chooses for us?

02 Which part of wisdom for real life is easiest to discuss but hardest to practice?

03 What fear, desire, habit, or power relationship could distort this work?

04 Who could be helped or harmed by the way this truth is applied?

05 What would honest fruit look like thirty days from now?

A faithful next-step plan

Choose four practices. Give each one an owner, evidence, and review date.

PRACTICE 01

Separate facts from fears

PRACTICE 05

Check motive

PRACTICE 02

Name the decision owner

PRACTICE 06

Protect a pause

PRACTICE 03

Seek independent counsel

PRACTICE 07

Test fruit

PRACTICE 04

Count cost and exit

PRACTICE 08

Document the choice

Prayer, commitment, and next return

A prayer for faithful practice

Lord, give us wisdom to read truthfully, courage to practice wisdom for real life with love, humility to receive correction, and patience to review our fruit. Protect our neighbors from careless certainty. Help us carry one faithful step and return with honesty. Amen.

MY COMMITMENT

Document the choice

Return date: _____ Trusted reviewer: _____