

Wisdom is finding out what you should do and doing it.

DAY 1

Read Matthew 7:5

Did you play pretend when you were younger? Maybe you had a whole dress-up box with superhero costumes or princess dresses. That kind of pretend is fun! But Jesus warned us NOT to play pretend when it comes to judging others or pointing out their mistakes.

Why? Because you're not perfect! Judging others is like pointing out someone else's dust-sized mistakes while ignoring your own log-sized ones. Instead of focusing on what other people are doing, we need to take a careful look at our own actions. When you see yourself clearly, you can make the wise choice.

Log On

Head outside and find a stick about a foot long. With your adult's help, pull off the bark to create a smooth surface. Use a marker to write "Help me see the log in my own eye" and Matthew 7:5 on the side. When you find yourself complaining about what someone else has said or done, ask God to help you stop judging and start looking for the things you need to work on in your own life instead.

DAY 2

Read Proverbs 17:24

Do you wear glasses or know someone who does? Glasses are necessary for some people to help correct their vision and allow them to see more clearly. Wisdom is like a pair of glasses. You have to be able to see the situation clearly if you want to make the best possible decision about what to do.

A foolish person is like someone who needs glasses but refuses to wear them. Instead of looking at a situation with wisdom, they take a leap and hope everything will work out. A wise person prays to God, reads God's Word, or asks others who follow God for their advice.

I Can See Clearly Now

Grab an index card and write Proverbs 17:24 on one side. On the other side, dig through some magazines and cut out a picture of a pair of glasses and glue it to the back of your card to remind you to ask God to help you see things clearly.

DAY 3

Read Proverbs 22:3

Lava Pit Walk

Grab several pieces of paper and scatter them across the floor. Now pretend the floor is covered in hot lava. See if you can make it from one side of the room to the other by stepping only on the papers!

Did you survive that lava pit walk? You had to pay close attention to where you stepped so you didn't land in hot lava! Wise people pay attention, too. When they see that they're heading in the wrong direction, they move to a safe place, just like you jumped to those papers. If you want to be wise, you need to take a long hard look at yourself and the situation. Ask God for help before you jump to the wrong conclusion or make a decision that doesn't lead you where you want to go.

DAY 4

Read James 1:22-24

Have you ever been in a situation where you knew what you *should* do but you chose not to do it? James said that would be like looking at yourself in the mirror, walking away, and then immediately forgetting what you look like!

Sometimes the wise thing to do is the hard thing to do. Sometimes we'd rather be selfish and get what we want. Sometimes we'd rather say the thing we KNOW we shouldn't say because of how we feel in the moment. But when it comes to wisdom, it's not enough just to know what's right. We need to follow through and DO what's right.

Mirror Mirror On The Wall

Grab a dry-erase or washable marker. On your bathroom mirror, write the words "DO THE WISE THING" in big block letters. This week, every time you look at your cute/handsome face in the mirror, remind yourself that wisdom is about knowing and DOING what is right.

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