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## Choose to Be Wise

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### **TODAY'S READING:** 1 Corinthians 2

When you think of wisdom who or what comes to your mind? Wisdom could be associated with your parents, family, mentors or possibly ancient Greek philosophers, King Solomon from the Old Testament or maybe even Yoda. Okay, maybe not Yoda. Wisdom is not just for those who are more mature in years. True wisdom comes from God.

As I read 1 Corinthians 2, I glean two things from this passage -- how we impart wisdom to others and from whom we receive wisdom. First, Paul intentionally chose his words to the Corinthian church so that their faith would rest in God and not in men. This is an incredible example for us. As we lead others and disciple others to be more like Christ, our words should intentionally point others to the power of God. The legacy we leave behind should point others to Christ and His Word instead of our thoughts and philosophies on the Bible. Second, we must guard our minds regarding the wisdom and rulers of this age. We have access to more information today than ever before. With more information comes the need to discern what is profitable and true and what has no value. Possibly the greatest danger for us is partial truths, information that has a Christian element but is mixed with false teachings. To guard our hearts and minds from the wisdom and rulers of this age, we must know the truth from God's Word and use His Word as the plumb line to filter what is true or not. This is what true wisdom is, knowing the truth and applying it to our lives. Once we discern the truth, we are better equipped to impart this wisdom to others.

Jesus said that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Luke 6:45). What we allow in our hearts and minds is what comes out. What wisdom are you allowing into your life, the wisdom of the age or the wisdom from God? How are you doing in discerning information according to the plumb line of God's Word? Let us be wise about the wisdom we intake and impart to others according to the Spirit.

### **TOMORROW'S READING:** 1 Corinthians 3

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