

# The Year of The Open Door

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### DAY 10 | GOD'S GUIDANCE AND WISDOM

Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

**Wisdom-** the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise.

**Guidance-** advice or information aimed at resolving a problem or difficulty, especially as given by someone in authority.

Lord, thank you for the closed doors as well as the open doors, so many times I act without wisdom and it has caused me to experience some hardships that I would not have had to go through had I been led by your guide, Holy Spirit. As we walk into the Year of the Open Door, I thank you for wisdom as you guide me through the open doors. I understand that as I act with your wisdom, I am acknowledging you, because I am not leaning to my own understanding. Father, you said in your word if anyone lacks wisdom let the ask of the Father who gives to all men liberally.

I declare and decree that my steps are ordered of the Lord. I declare that God reveals His secrets unto to me. I understand things kept secret from the foundation of the world. I will not lean to my own understanding but in all my ways I will acknowledge and trust in you Lord!

**Key Scriptures:** [Proverbs 9:10-11](#), [James 1:2-8](#), [Proverbs 4:5-9](#), [Proverbs 3:11-20](#), [Ecclesiastes 2:26](#), [Jeremiah 29:11](#), [Isaiah 58:11](#), [John 16:13](#), [Proverbs 16:9](#), [Proverbs 1:5](#)

### Wisdom

**Proverbs 9:10-11** <sup>10</sup>“The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding. <sup>11</sup>For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you.

**James 1:2-8** <sup>2</sup>My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup>knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup>But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. <sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of GOD, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and

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tossed by the wind.<sup>7</sup> For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup>*he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**Proverbs 4:5-9** Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them.<sup>6</sup> Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you.<sup>7</sup> Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.<sup>8</sup> If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you.<sup>9</sup> She will place a lovely wreath on your head; she will present you with a beautiful crown."

**Proverbs 3:11-20** My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be upset when he corrects you.<sup>12</sup> For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights. <sup>13</sup> Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding.<sup>14</sup> For wisdom is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold.<sup>15</sup> Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.<sup>16</sup> She offers you long life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left.<sup>17</sup> She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying.<sup>18</sup> Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly.<sup>19</sup> By wisdom the Lord founded the earth; by understanding he created the heavens.<sup>20</sup> By his knowledge the deep fountains of the earth burst forth, and the dew settles beneath the night sky.

**Ecclesiastes 2:26** God gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy to those who please him. But if a sinner becomes wealthy, God takes the wealth away and gives it to those who please him. This, too, is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

### Guidance

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Isaiah 58:11** The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.

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**John 16:13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

**Proverbs 16:9** We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.

**Proverbs 1:5** Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance.

### **Suggested Scripture Reading:** *1 Kings 3:1-15*

**1 Kings 3:1-15** Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and married one of his daughters. He brought her to live in the City of David until he could finish building his palace and the Temple of the Lord and the wall around the city. <sup>2</sup> At that time the people of Israel sacrificed their offerings at local places of worship, for a temple honoring the name of the Lord had not yet been built. <sup>3</sup> Solomon loved the Lord and followed all the decrees of his father, David, except that Solomon, too, offered sacrifices and burned incense at the local places of worship. <sup>4</sup> The most important of these places of worship was at Gibeon, so the king went there and sacrificed 1,000 burnt offerings. <sup>5</sup> That night the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!" <sup>6</sup> Solomon replied, "You showed great and faithful love to your servant my father, David, because he was honest and true and faithful to you. And you have continued to show this great and faithful love to him today by giving him a son to sit on his throne." <sup>7</sup> "Now, O Lord my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn't know his way around." <sup>8</sup> And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted! <sup>9</sup> Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?" <sup>10</sup> The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. <sup>11</sup> So God replied, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies— <sup>12</sup> I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! <sup>13</sup> And I will also give you

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what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! <sup>14</sup> And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life.”<sup>15</sup> Then Solomon woke up and realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem and stood before the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant, where he sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings. Then he invited all his officials to a great banquet.