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<sup>8</sup> *But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, <sup>9</sup> for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.*

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God's Word: Wisdom and Witness  
Discerning God's Will—part 3  
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**Wisdom**

**How do we gain wisdom?**

- The \_\_\_\_\_.

*Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

*Psalms 119:130 The unfolding of thy words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.*

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*James 1:2 (RSV) Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials,*

<sup>3</sup> *for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.*

<sup>4</sup> *And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

<sup>5</sup> ***If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God,*** *who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him.*

<sup>6</sup> *But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that a double-*

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*mindful man, unstable in all his ways, will receive anything from the Lord.*

- **Urgent** \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Proverbs 2:1 (RSV) My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my **commandments** with you, <sup>2</sup> making your ear attentive to **wisdom** and inclining your heart to **understanding**;*
- *<sup>3</sup> yes, if you cry out for **insight** and raise your voice for **understanding**,*
- *<sup>4</sup> if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures;*
- *<sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.*

- **Wise** \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise men becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.*

*Proverbs 22:3 (RSV) A **prudent man** sees danger and hides himself; but **the simple** go on, and suffer for it.*

## Witness

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*Romans 15:18 For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has wrought through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed,*

*<sup>19</sup> by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ,*

*<sup>20</sup> thus making it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation,*

*<sup>21</sup> but as it is written, "They shall see who have never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him."*

*<sup>22</sup> This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.*

*<sup>23</sup> But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you,*

*<sup>24</sup> I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be sped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a little.*

*1 Corinthians 16:5 I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia,*

*<sup>6</sup> and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may speed me on my journey, wherever I go.*

*<sup>7</sup> For I do not want to see you now just in passing; I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits.*

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