

“Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge.” Proverbs 18:15 NLT

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One of the newer, which is now old, leadership phrases is... be a “lifelong learner.” Let me get that down to one word, CURIOSITY. “A quality related to inquisitive thinking such as exploration, investigation, and learning” More than that, it is whimsical and dangerously fun. Einstein said, “The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” The wisdom writers had it down aeons before Albert! My granddaughter, Ruby, has re-taught me about curiosity. From just a wee one she was touching, looking and listening. She loves textures, minuscule objects my eyes no longer see, birds, bugs and flowers, and sounds (asking, “what’s that noise?” in a slight New Jersey accent). She is intelligent and will only grow smarter because she is most curious. Please stop sometime today and look around to see colors, shapes and faces. Touch a tree, hold a handful of dirt or throw a rock into a placid lake. Listen for the wind, a songbird or a child’s laughter. Be curious, have fun doing so.

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Dad,
A very long time ago we ate of a tree called knowledge. You told us not to, but we did anyways. Now, with or without you, we’ve sunk our teeth deeply into good and evil. Into good because we have imagined and built the most complicated, advanced machines (big and small) that ever been seen. We’ve also dabbled in the microscopic world of cells, genes and DNA strands. Into evil because our knowledge has not only built theme parks, but also transcontinental, ballistic nuclear missiles. We designed pictures with pixels that dance on a screen and drugs that destroy the mind and body. Our curiosity has led us to amazing heights and the deepest despair. All this because of ill-timed, selfish decisions that grabbed at something that would have been given to us freely as you desired. Our sin tainted our knowledge and we’ve grown accustomed to using it to our own advantage. Forgive us and help us put the power-genie back in the bottle through Christ!

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root