

“I, Wisdom, live together with good judgment. I know where to discover knowledge and discernment. All who fear the Lord will hate evil. Therefore, I hate pride and arrogance, corruption and perverse speech. Common sense and success belong to me. Insight and strength are mine. Because of me, kings reign, and rulers make just decrees. Rulers lead with my help, and nobles make righteous judgments.” Proverbs 8:12-16 NLT

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Wisdom has roomies! Wisdom and good judgment are flatmates. And together they know how to find knowledge and discernment. A lot of people search for knowledge and discernment or understanding, but these roommates know exactly where to find these often sought traits. So, some hints to finding these qualities, get rid of some things - they just get in your way and don't help you in your pursuit. Toss out pride. Boot arrogance. Kick corruption. And, tell perverse speech to take a hike. Clear your house of these lowlife freeloaders if you want to find knowledge, along with discernment. What will you get as a bonus for purging the riff-raff, you'll get insight and strength. These are some high quality traits that are normally only accessible to kings and rulers, but if you'll take the advice of wisdom and good judgment, these attributes can be yours as well. Because everyone knows that this is how good rulers make decisions and nobles make right judgments. And, they can all be yours if you'll find the mates and get the life-sucking loser-attitudes out.

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

It's not that wisdom and good judgment isn't available to the common people like myself, it's that I (and my kind) aren't always ready to do the hard work of seeking and kicking out the stinky attitudes that keep me wrapped up in myself and just drag me down. This is a worthy life-long pursuit! Thank you.

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