

RESPONDING TO LIFE'S DILEMMAS WITH GODLY WISDOM

Unjust Authority

8:1-9

- Godly wisdom enables us to discern life's complexities and transforms our demeanor.
- Exercise godly discernment by obeying earthly authorities as an act of obedience to God.
- Godly wisdom helps us know when and how to walk away from corrupt leadership.
- As long as earthly authority exists, so does the potential for injustice.

Life Isn't Fair

8:10-15

- The wicked seem to prosper while the righteous often suffer despite their obedience to God.
- God, in His perfect timing and wisdom, will ultimately judge the wicked.
- Both will face judgment, but God will punish the wicked and reward the righteous accordingly.
- Solomon encourages us to enjoy life's simple pleasures despite the chaos and injustice we see.
- Enjoying God's good gifts reflects our faith in His sovereign plans and brings Him glory.

Limited Wisdom

8:16-17

- No wisdom or effort can fully reveal God's purposes, so we trust His unseen plans.
- God gives godly wisdom to those who humbly acknowledge their dependence on Him.
- Godly wisdom teaches us to recognize our limitations and trust God's sovereign plans.

When faced with life's dilemmas, godly wisdom tells us to:

Exercise _____ when responding to unjust authority.

Stand firm in God's _____ when life's circumstances seem unfair.

Trust God's _____ plan when His ways are beyond understanding.

Romans 13:1

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Proverbs 21:1

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.

Psalms 37:7 NIV

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Proverbs 11:21

Be assured, an evil person will not go unpunished, but the offspring of the righteous will be delivered.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Philippians 3:8-9

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith...

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Proverbs 2:6-8

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.

Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.

Psalms 25:9

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.