

## *Serenity Prayer*

### **God Grant Me the Wisdom to Know the Difference**

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. **Proverbs 2:1-6**

**Wisdom: Understanding what is TRUE, RIGHT AND LASTING**

### **Where does Wisdom come from?**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. **Psalms 111:10**

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. **Genesis 3:6**

### **How do we get Wisdom?**

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. **Matthew 13:44-45**

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. 6 But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **James 1:5-8**

### **What does Wisdom bring?**

Life and Relationship **1 Kings 3:16-28 (497-8)**

All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice. **1 Kings 3:28**

*God grant me the serenity*

*To accept the things I cannot change;*

*The courage to change the things I can;*

*And the wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;*

*Enjoying one moment at a time;*

*Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;*

*Taking, as He did, this world  
as it is, not as I would have it;*

*Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;*

*That I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him  
forever in the next.*

*Amen*

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