





## What wisdom have I acquired that someone else needs right now?

Consider all the various mountains of life where you've accumulated wisdom, skill, insight and understanding based on God's Word. (Relationships, marriage, parenting, finances, caring for a home, surviving various crisis like disease, divorce, death, wisdom for specific jobs like teaching, nursing and such, success in the marketplace and in business, godly living, how to study and understand the Bible, prayer skills, leadership skills)

Write down specific pieces of wisdom that you believe might be helpful for someone you know, particularly someone who is confused or living from one bad decision to another. What would you like to say to them? What does the Scripture say on this topic?

You may think of several people and ideas. After you've written the advice down with supporting scripture, lay your hand on it and pray for that person. Ask God to give them a teachable spirit. Ask God to communicate this wisdom to that person through you or someone else. Jesus, the Living Word, will use us to share his wisdom, knowledge, insight and understanding. He will create opportunity and enable us to speak in a way that is truthful without being judgmental.

*Example: I have some lovely examples of applying this idea to the lives of people who I've observed might not be making the best decisions and enjoyed watching God change their directions. For privacy reasons I cannot share any of those, but I will share with you a time when I didn't pray for someone to acquire wisdom and sorely wish I had. Many years ago, when I was a newlywed, I had a friend who treated her husband disrespectfully. She criticized him in front of my husband and me, and even held up the fact to us that her income was greater than his. We stopped hanging around with them because it was such a negative environment, and she was not open to any discussion with me to consider how her speech and behavior were affecting her marriage. I'm truly sorry I didn't pray for an opportunity to speak some truth with her about contentious wives and even more sorry that I didn't pray God's wisdom verse about marriage, over her life. We found out a few years later that they divorced after only a few years because he left her for another woman. Might things have gone differently if I had prayed about this? Did any believer pray for her and her marriage? I don't know, but she was really in love with her husband. She simply had fallen into a pattern she acquired somewhere and didn't recognize. This is a time for you to pray and reflect on the times that perhaps God was asking you to step up in prayer for someone, but you didn't. Use that sad memory to propel you now to consider the people you know who are making poor decisions and ignoring God's wisdom. How can you pray for them effectively?*

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