



MON 8-15

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** **Proverbs 3:19-20**
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "By wisdom the LORD founded the earth; by understanding he created the heavens. By his knowledge the deep fountains of the earth burst forth, and the dew settles beneath the night sky." [NLT] God knows all things! We can trust God with our lives and know we will be in the most capable hands. Begin this week with a prayer of dedication and trust.
- ▼ **PRAYER** **Wise and loving God, I commit my body and soul to you as a living sacrifice. I will put my own ideas behind yours. I will let go of my habits and default behaviors and do things your way. I trust you with all that I am and all that I have. Use me for your purposes. Amen.**

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TUES 8-16

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** **Job 12:12-13**
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "Wisdom belongs to the aged, and understanding to the old. 'But true wisdom and power are found in God; counsel and understanding are his.'" [NLT] We can glean wisdom and experience from those who've already been through what we are facing, but ultimately, God's spirit guides and counsels us in the way that we should go.
- ▼ **PRAYER** **Lord, you are my creator and sustainer. Thank you for another day to acknowledge your great wisdom, love, and power. I want these things on display in my life! Today, I will depend on you for guidance. Amen.**

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WED 8-17

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** **1 Timothy 1:17**
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." [NIV] Isn't it easy to forget about God's eternal nature? While we need to be present in each moment, we also have to remember that the things of God transcend time. When we keep that eternal picture in mind, it becomes more clear how we need to prioritize our daily activities and choices.
- ▼ **PRAYER** **Eternal God, when I pause and ponder who you really are, I am in awe of your greatness. The things in this world become dim in the light of your glory. Help me to treasure each moment while remembering how temporary my current circumstances truly are. Amen.**

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THURS 8-18

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** **Revelation 1:8**
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "The Master declares, 'I'm A to Z. I'm The GOD Who Is, The GOD Who Was, and The GOD About to Arrive. I'm the Sovereign-Strong.'" [MSG] Wow--what a description! Some translations use the phrase "the beginning and the end" when describing God. This picture of completeness--past, present, future--what feelings does that bring up for you? Share them with God.
- ▼ **PRAYER** **Amazing God, I am filled with wonder and amazement when I read this. Show me how to respond in a way that shows my gratitude for you. I am willing to make changes in my life to show you my love. Amen.**

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FRI 8-19

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** **Jeremiah 32:27**
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "I am the LORD, the God of all living things! Is anything too hard for me?" [CEB] When a problem or difficult choices seems impossible to make, we can go with confidence to God. Nothing is too difficult! Say this breath prayer throughout your day. As you inhale, say, "Almighty God," and as you exhale, say, "show me the way."
- ▼ **PRAYER** **God of all living things, I believe that you will help me through my struggle. Your wisdom gives me the courage to remain obedient even when I am uncertain about my path. I want to follow you all of my days because I know you are my source of life. Amen.**

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SAT 8-20

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** **Zephaniah 3:17**
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs." [NLT] We bring God delight! When we rest in the love of our savior, we experience peace, and it brings God joy. Win-win!
- ▼ **PRAYER** **Loving God, quiet my mind so I can reflect on the love and grace you offer me each day. In the midst of raging storms, I know that I can rest in your presence. Thank you for your affection for me. Amen.**

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DIGGING DEEPER

- ▼ **Intro** What is the wise thing to do?
It's Human nature to snuggle up to the edge of irresponsibility or disaster and stay there as long as possible. But instead of wondering how close we can get before crossing the line, we need to ask ourselves perhaps the most important question-- what is the wise thing to do?

- ▼ **Reflect**
 - *"Our excuses escort us to the threshold of regret and abandon us there with little margin for error."* Does that statement ring true for you? Can you think of an example?

 - When making a decision, why are we more prone to evaluate options through the filters of legal, moral, ethical, and acceptable than through the filter of wisdom?

 - Ephesians 5:11-16 says, "Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, 'Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.' So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days." [NLT] What key words stand out to you? Why?

 - Would you commit to asking--not acting on but simply asking--the wisdom question for seven days every time you make a decision? *In light of my past experience, my current circumstances, and my future hopes and dreams, what is the wise thing to do?*

- ▼ **Prayer** **Lord of heaven and earth, I cannot make sound decisions without you. You are the source of true wisdom. Help me to develop better judgment in every situation that I face. I know that starts with our relationship becoming my top priority. Thank you for continually drawing me back to you when I get distracted. Amen.**



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▼ What did I learn? _____

▼ How might it apply in my life? _____

▼ What is a next step I can take? _____

