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## Joshua 1:6-9

Be strong and brave, for you will be a successful leader of my people; and they shall conquer all the land I promised to their ancestors. You need only to be strong and courageous and to obey to the letter every law Moses gave you, for if you are careful to obey every one of them you will be successful in everything you do. Constantly remind the people about these laws and you yourself must think about them every day and every night so that you will be sure to obey all of them. For only then will you succeed. Yes, be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt! For remember, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

#### Proverbs ll:14

Without wise leadership, a nation is in trouble; but with good counselors there is safety.

## Proverbs 9:7-12

If you rebuke a mocker, you will only get a smart retort; yes, he will snarl at you. So don't bother with him; he will only hate you for trying to help him. But a wise man, when rebuked, will love you all the more. Teach a wise man, and he will be the wiser; teach a good man, and he will learn more. For the reverence and fear of God are basic to all wisdom. Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding. I, Wisdom, will make the hours of your day more profitable and the years of your life more fruitful. Wisdom is its own reward, and if you scorn her, you hurt only yourself.

#### Proverbs 3:13-26

The man who knows right from wrong (the man that finds wisdom) and has good judgment and common sense is happier than the man who is immensely rich! For such wisdom is far more valuable than precious jewels. Nothing else compares with it. Wisdom gives:

A long, good life Riches Honor Pleasure Peace Wisdom is a tree of life to those who eat her fruit; happy is the man who keeps on eating it. The Lord's wisdom founded the earth; his understanding established all the universe and space. The deep fountains of the earth were broken open by his knowledge, and the skies poured down rain.

Have two goals: wisdom -- that is, knowing and doing right -- and common sense. Don't let them slip away, for they fill you with living energy, and are a feather in your cap. They keep you safe from defeat and disaster and from stumbling off the trail. With them on guard you can sleep without fear; you need not be afraid of disaster or the plots of wicked men, for the Lord is with you; he protects you.

## Proverbs 4: 5-9

'Learn to be wise, " he said, "and develop good judgment and common sense! I cannot overemphasize this point." Cling to wisdom -- she will protect you. Love her -- she will guard you.

Determination to be wise is the first step toward becoming wise! And with your wisdom, develop common sense and good judgment. If you exalt wisdom, she will exalt you. Hold her fast and she will lead you to great honor; she will place a beautiful crown upon your head.

### Proverbs 8: 1-17

Can't you hear the voice of widom? She is standing at the city gates and at every fork in the road, and at the door of every house. Litsten to what she says: "Listen, men!" she calls. "How foolish and naive you are! Let me give you understanding. O foolish ones, let me show you common sense! Listen to me! For I have important information for you. Everything I say is right and true, for I hate lies and every kind of deception. My advice is wholesome and good. There is nothing of evil it it. My words are plain and clear to anyone with half a mind -- if it is only open. My instruction is far more valuable than silver or gold."

For the value of wisdom is far abouve rubies; nothing can be compared with it. Wisdom and good judgment live together, for wisdom knows where to discover knowledge and understanding. If anyone respects and fears God, he will hate evil. For wisdom hates pride, arrogance, corruption and deceit of every kind.

"I, Wisdom, give good advice and common sense. Because of my strength, kings reign in power. I show the judges who is right and who is wrong. Rules rule well with my help. I love all who love me. Those who search for me shall surely find me."

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

September 3, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MILDRED LEONARD

FROM:

JERRY H.

The attached was returned in the President's outbox on Tuesday, September 3.

