

## Character Trait for April 23-27 is Wisdom

Philippians 1:9-10, "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ"

**Character:** the qualities built into an individual's life that determine their responses, regardless of circumstances.

**Wisdom:** Making practical application of what is learned.

**Derivation:** The word *sapience* is derived from the [Latin](#) *sapientia*, which is the basis for the word wisdom. It means displaying sound judgment in a complex, dynamic environment.

**Weekly Verse:** James 3:13 "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom."

**Bible Story:** II Chronicles 1:1-11 is the story of Solomon asking God for wisdom.

**Quote:** "Wise men speak because they have something to say. Fools speak because they have to say something."

**Application:**

**Seek Understanding** – Analyze the facts of a situation. Learn from what has occurred in the past. Life is full of cause and effect relationships, and the more we understand this process, the better we can work and live.

**Ask for advice** – A person who thinks they know everything rarely does, but a wise person realizes the value of good advice. Learn from the experience of others and you can avoid potentially embarrassing mistakes. Once you have gathered advice, you can use the nuggets of wisdom found within to make better decisions.

**Apply what you learn** – The real test of wisdom is applying what you learn. Do you learn from your mistakes or do you repeat them over and over again? The choices you make today can affect your job, your family, and your future.

**Discussion Questions:**

They say "experience is a difficult teacher". How can experience be a difficult way to learn? How can you learn from the experience of others so that you don't have to go through something yourself?

Who is someone you can ask for advice?