

Character Trait for April 3-6 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 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

Bible Story: Acts 5:33-39 recounts the story of Gamaliel displaying wisdom in his interactions with Jewish leaders.

Quote: "Knowledge comes from learning. Wisdom comes from living."

Application:

Live Humbly

Humility is "acknowledging that achievement results from the investment of others in my life." A wise person recognizes what he or she does not know and appreciates others' contributions. Furthermore, a wise person knows he or she needs others' perspectives.

Practice Discretion

Discretion is "recognizing and avoiding words, actions, and attitudes that could bring undesirable consequences." Discretion gives a person the circumspection to respond appropriately. Understand when, where, and how to say what needs to be said. If nothing needs to be said or if you are not the person to say it, do not say anything.

Show Benevolence

Benevolence is "giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward." Understand relationships, and give them the appropriate priority, even when you do not understand them.

Discussion Questions:

Can you name one person in your life who consistently demonstrates wisdom?

Can you give one example from your life where you have recently demonstrated wisdom?