

## PRAYER



**The Greatest Hits**

Laments  
Meditation  
Praise  
Worship + Word

**WEEK 4 | Wisdom: LOL - Lived Out Learning**

## PRAYER

Lord, I know that wisdom will continue to grow as a by-product of right choices and godly responses as I apply your Word to my daily circumstances. I ask you to help me make good use of the wisdom you give me every day.

Sometimes my choices may not seem clear. You are not the author of confusion, but I know I have an enemy who wants to deceive and confuse me, so please instruct me and give me a heart for your wisdom—a growing desire for understanding and insight. I know wise choices will watch over me, keep me safe, and fill me with joy, so guide every decision I need to make today.

Help me observe and learn lessons from all you have created—the truth principles you have built into the universe, such as the wisdom of sowing and reaping, the importance of a strong root system in life, or learning industriousness from the ant. I pray that each practical and spiritual choice I make will reflect your perfect will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

[\*Power Prayers for Wisdom - Dawn Wilson\*](#)

## WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

Who do you consider the wisest person you know personally? Why have you chosen this person as the wisest?



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## WORD

- <sup>1</sup> *Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!*
- <sup>2</sup> *For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.*
- <sup>3</sup> *Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.*
- <sup>4</sup> *Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*
- <sup>5</sup> *Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.*
- <sup>6</sup> *He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.*
- <sup>7</sup> *Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!*
- <sup>8</sup> *Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.*
- <sup>9</sup> *For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.*

### [PSALM 37:1-9](#)

"Perhaps the most famous reflection on the respective fates of the righteous and the wicked comes in Psalm 37. Characteristically, the Psalmist begins by assuring his listeners that the wicked will soon fade like grass. He urges people to be patient: "be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him" (Psalm 37:7).

The most striking comment in the psalm, however, comes in verse 25: I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. It is difficult to avoid thinking that he should have gotten out more. Anyone who has never seen a righteous person impoverished has not seen much of society. In fairness to the Psalmist, the point is not that the righteous are never poor. He surely knew that that was not the case. Rather, he makes two arguments.

One is the argument for patience. Trust in God, and things will improve. This kind of trusting attitude is innate to the religious mentality. It is one of the most basic aspects of faith. The second argument is that the little that the righteous person has is better than the abundance of the wicked. This suggests that people can, to a degree, control their fate by their attitude. It is possible to find contentment in little, and abundance is no guarantee of happiness. This hardly amounts to a solution to the problem of poverty, but it is a way of making the best of a situation. Notably, the Psalmist tells the reader to "refrain from anger," because it only leads to evil (verse 8).

This attitude is very different from that of the prophets, who saw a place for righteous anger. It is very much in accordance with the conservative mentality of the wisdom tradition."

**-Yale Bible Study - The Wisdom Psalms on Psalm 37**

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = none at all; 10 = extreme), how would you rate your ability to make wise decisions? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. If wisdom is defined as godly knowledge lived out in everyday life, what are three things you can do to grow in godly wisdom? What can you change so you can live more wisely?
3. Who are godly people you learn from every day? What is it about them that makes them models of living a god-shaped life?
4. Verses 3 and 4 earlier talk about trusting and delighting in God, and that he would give us our hearts' desires. How much do you trust God? Would you say that you delight in him, or are there other things that you delight in more?

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, would you choose today to trust him? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus?

Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am yours and you are mine. In Jesus' name, Amen.*