

WHEN YOU PRAY
Part 8: Wisdom, Guidance and People

TEXT: Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

DAVID'S EXAMPLE (1 Samuel 23:1-5 NKJV)

- David asked God for wisdom
 1. Even though he had a winning record with Philistines
 2. Even though there was a great need
- He got pushback from his team
 1. They were concerned about themselves
 2. They were afraid
- David asked again for confirmation - good when others are involved
 1. Was assured of God's help - went and won

LEARNING FROM DAVID

- Ask don't assume
 1. Based on needs or experience
 2. Facts / reasonings / data
 3. Ego and selfish motives
- When facing opposition from others
 1. Consider the source (*Psalm 1:1 NKJV*) (*Philippians 2:20-21 NKJV*)
 2. It's okay to ask God again
- Asking God for wisdom / guidance (*James 1:5-8 NKJV*)
 1. Believe God has the wisdom
 2. Believe He will give us that wisdom
 3. Ask in faith (*Mark 11:24 NKJV*)

DAVID'S OTHER PRAYER (1 Samuel 23:10-13 NKJV)

- Will Saul come?
 1. Not stop Saul from coming
- Will the men of Keilah give me up?
 1. David did not assume they would protect him
 2. David did not pray make them protect me

PRAYING FOR PEOPLE

- Not Lord make them...
 1. People have choices
 2. Pray for enlightenment (*Colossians 1:9-11 NKJV*) (*Acts 26:17-18 NKJV*)