

“Walk with the Wise.”

Proverbs 13:20



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- Our friendships need to be weighed according to God's word.



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- If you want to fall victim to:  
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self-doubt  
and sin...



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...make friends of fools.



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- Proverbs 13:20—
- <sup>20</sup>He who walks with wise men will be wise,  
But the companion of fools will suffer harm.





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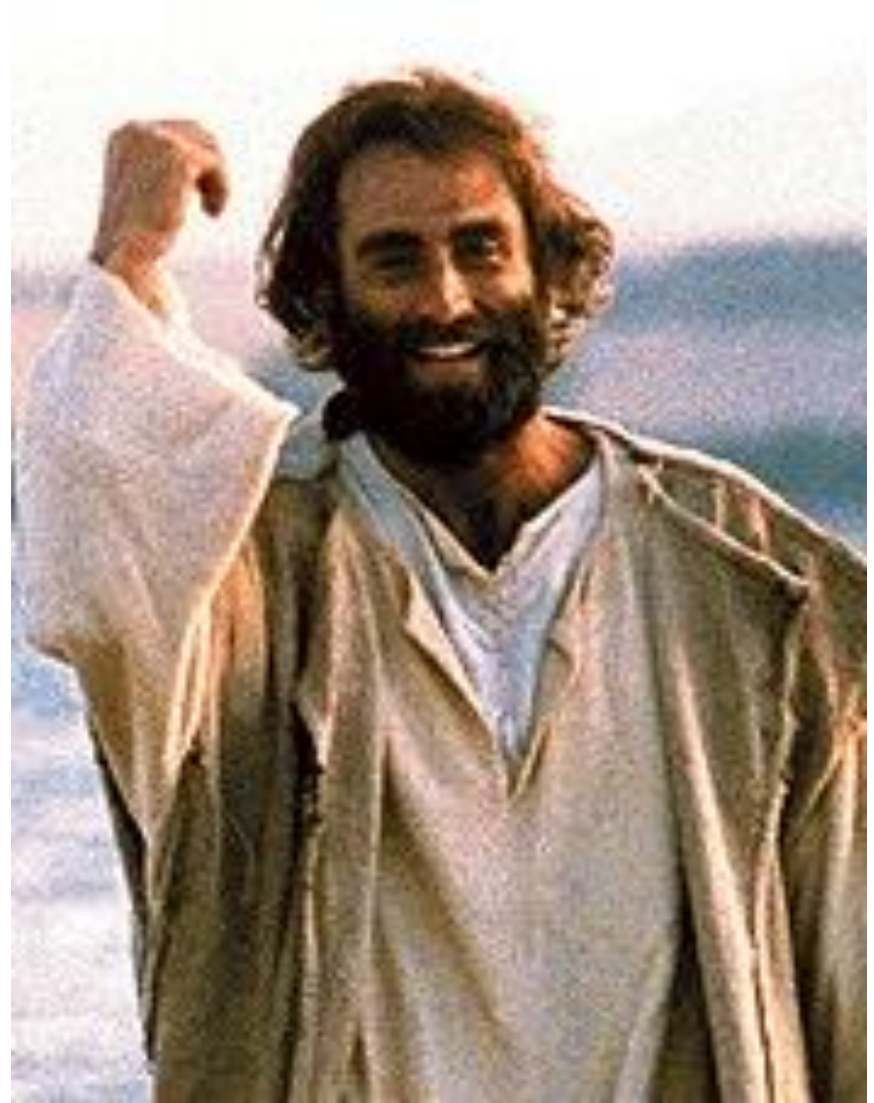
- Proverbs 7:4
- Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,” And call understanding *your* intimate friend;

# How to find a wise person

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## 1. Look to your Creator.

- Look to the Author and Finisher of your faith.
- Look to your Shepherd.
- Friend of sinners.



# How to find a wise person

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## 2. Look to the heroes of Faith

- Abraham
- Jacob
- Mary and Joseph



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  - Their reputation.

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- Go to church.



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- Remember, the devil is listening.

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- Ask God for insight.

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- They may not be easily recognized.

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Ask God  
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- They may take some adjusting to.



You will  
Change.

- Wisdom sanctifies.



You will  
Change.

- You will have to  
abandon foolish ways.



You will  
Change.

- Foolish friends will  
abandon you.



You will  
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- Your vocabulary will be a witness to that change.





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- You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.



You will  
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- You will have neither time nor money to waste on destructive pursuits.



You will  
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- Jesus will be your best friend.

Galatians 3:27—for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

