**Moving Forward in Wisdom**

*“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.” — Proverbs 4:7*

**Introduction:**

If faith is how we move and obedience is why we move, then **wisdom** is *how* we move forward *without falling into unnecessary trouble.* Wisdom helps us navigate decisions, avoid pitfalls, and walk in purpose with clarity and confidence.

Many people are stuck—not because they lack passion or desire—but because they lack *wisdom.* Passion without wisdom can burn you out. Ambition without wisdom can get you lost.

Today, as we continue our series *“It’s Time to Move Forward,”* we explore what it means to move with divine wisdom—so we don’t just *go*, but we go in the *right direction.*

**Point 1: Wisdom Begins with the Fear of the Lord**

**Scripture: Proverbs 9:10**

The Bible says the *fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.* This isn’t a paralyzing fear—it’s *reverence.* It’s placing God at the center of your decision-making, your desires, and your direction.

You can't move forward wisely if you're ignoring the One who sees the whole road.

When we fear God more than people… more than failure… more than uncertainty—*that’s when real wisdom begins to guide our steps.*

**Point 2: Wisdom Is Better Than Strength**

**Scripture: Ecclesiastes 9:16**

The world praises power, speed, and charisma. But the Bible says wisdom is better than strength. You can hustle hard and still end up in the wrong place.

Wisdom teaches us when to *speak* and when to *stay silent.* When to *wait* and when to *move.* Wisdom turns noise into strategy and effort into excellence.

It’s possible to be strong and still stuck. But wisdom will help you *discern your season* and move forward with precision—not just passion.

**Point 3: God Gives Wisdom Generously**

**Scripture: James 1:5**

God is not stingy with wisdom. James says, *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God… and it will be given.”* There’s a wisdom that’s *heaven-sent,* and it’s available to all who seek it.

You don’t have to make decisions based on your limited understanding. You can ask the One who knows the end from the beginning.

Solomon, the wisest man in the Bible, didn’t ask for money or power—he asked for *wisdom.* And because he valued wisdom, God gave him everything else too (1 Kings 3:5–14).

**Point 4: Walking in Wisdom Requires Humility**

**Scripture: Luke 2:46–47**

When Jesus was twelve years old, He was found in the temple—not preaching, but *listening and asking questions.* That’s humility. And that’s where wisdom grows.

A wise person isn’t always the loudest in the room—but they’re usually the one paying the most attention.

Moving forward in wisdom requires us to:

* *Learn from others*
* *Admit what we don’t know*
* *Seek counsel before we act*

Proverbs 11:14 says, *“In the multitude of counselors there is safety.”*

**Conclusion:**

Wisdom will take you where emotion cannot. It will keep you when trials come, and it will guide you when the road splits. If you want to move forward without falling back, *ask for wisdom.*

* Wisdom is the compass for your next move.
* Wisdom discerns the difference between a *good idea* and a *God idea.*
* Wisdom will help you say yes at the right time and no without guilt.

Don’t just move fast—move wisely.

**Devotional Reflection:**

**“Lord, I don’t want to move without Your direction. Give me wisdom that comes from above. Teach me to pause, to pray, and to listen. Help me to see with spiritual eyes and to make decisions that honor You. Keep me from impulsive moves, and guide me with Your truth. I receive Your wisdom today—in faith and humility. Amen.”**

**Study Questions: Moving Forward in Wisdom**

1. When have you seen the difference between moving in passion and moving in wisdom?
2. In what area of your life do you need wisdom right now?
3. Who in your life could serve as a wise counselor or mentor?
4. What’s stopping you from asking God for wisdom regularly?

**Wisdom Challenge:**
For the next 7 days, start each morning by reading one chapter of Proverbs. Write down one piece of wisdom each day and ask God how you can apply it to your next decision.