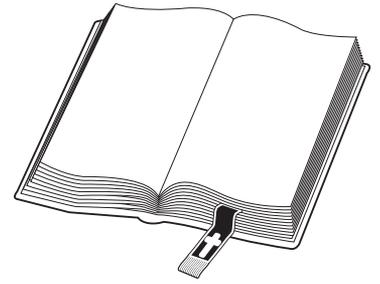


Where Do I Go for Help?

"I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts."

Psalm 119:100



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Beloved, Psalm 1:1-2 reads, *"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night."*

I do not go to worldly books, counsel, television, radio, or videos for help. I go to Jesus Christ and the Bible! Because I pray, read my Bible daily, and have a close, intimate relationship with Christ, I can discern if a book, video, television, or radio program that calls itself Christian truly is or not. There is true godly teaching and counsel available, but there are also a lot of false teachers. The Bible calls them false shepherds, false teachers, false prophets, and wolves in sheep's clothing. If we do not want to be deceived, we must know and obey the Bible.

To *delight* in God's truth brings great blessings into our lives. 1 Corinthians 3:19 tells us that the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. I want to repeat that. The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. James 1:5 reads, *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."*

Beloved, I am smart enough to know that I lack wisdom; however, by GOD'S AMAZING GRACE, I daily ask God for help in every situation, and He is true to His promises. He freely gives me His wisdom. No situation is too big or too small for Him. He knows

everything about everything and everybody. James 3:17 reads, *"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy."*

As a young believer with a marriage on the brink of divorce, I started to apply this scripture in my heart, in my home, and in how I treated my husband. I started to allow God's peace to rule my heart, mind, and emotions and to ask the Lord to help me be as gentle with my husband Richard as the Lord was with me. I asked the Lord to help me not to yield to my pride and my pain and to allow Him to be in control of my home. I started to show the same mercy to Richard that Christ gives to me daily. I asked the Lord to free me from all partiality and hypocrisy.

Instead of always putting my wants and my needs first and pointing out Richard's weaknesses, by God's grace I started to love and to serve Richard. Going to my Lord for help—praying, and reading and obeying the Bible—has transformed my home. I love and respect my husband more every day now.

— *Janice McBride*

All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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