**Those Two Things**

It quickly became apparent that I needed more input into all the decisions that were coming at me... but I wasn't sure where to turn.   
  
*Should I get a new phone?  
Do I need to return to school?  
Did I buy too much?  
Do I really need to take my car into the shop or should I chance it?*  
  
There were so many decisions to make! I began to realize that I didn't always trust my own decisions. I needed help!  
  
I recalled hearing my friends pray for something...wisdom and discernment.  It sounded just like what I needed. So that night, I asked God for **those two things.** It wasn't long after that prayer I realized God was answering by both giving the wisdom I asked for and sending discerning friends to speak truth into my life.

Did you know that James 1:5-8 says, *5If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.*

I began prayerfully taking my daily decisions before the Lord and He would answer. Could I accept an answer of no or wait a while? I had to! I couldn't rush into an answer before it was given. Instead, I had to learn to wait and not rush to an answer. The Lord showed me through His Word and the believers He brought into my life that I could wait until I felt comfortable to make these decisions. Learning the disciplines of reading His Word, praying, listening, and waiting were not easy; but, ultimately gave true assurance that the Lord would guide me through and carry the load with me. So I leave you with this today from Proverbs 3:21-26,   
  
21 ...do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight,  
    preserve sound judgment and discernment;  
22they will be life for you,  
    an ornament to grace your neck.  
23Then you will go on your way in safety,  
    and your foot will not stumble.  
24When you lie down, you will not be afraid;  
    when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.  
25Have no fear of sudden disaster  
    or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,  
26for the Lord will be at your side  
    and will keep your foot from being snared.

If we have not met, I want you to know that my name is Holly, and I walked into this church 22 years ago with a five-year-old daughter and a two-month-old son in tow. This church embraced me but bigger than that, the gospel and what God did in my life changed this common girl forever! And I know He will do the same for you! He will! Enjoy the SPF ministry and the newsletter, and get excited about what God has in store for you and your children!

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