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## **“Godly Guidance”**

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.” (James 1:5)*

### **I’m In Over My Head**

**1 Kings 3:7-12** – (7) “And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. (8) And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. (9) Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people? (10) It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. (11) And God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, (12) behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.’”

### **A Father’s Plea**

**Judges 13:8-14** – (8) “Then Manoah prayed to the LORD and said, ‘O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born.’ (9) And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field. But Manoah her husband was not with her. (10) So the woman ran quickly and told her husband, ‘Behold, the man who came to me the other day has appeared to me.’ (11) And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said to him, ‘Are you the man who spoke to this woman?’ And he said, ‘I am.’ (12) And Manoah said, ‘Now when your words come true, what is to be the child’s manner of life, and what is his mission?’ (13) And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, ‘Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. (14) She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe.’”

<b>Key Point: God’s Guidance is a Dad’s Greatest Asset</b>
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## **Thoughts:**

### **(1) Continue to Ask God for Wisdom**

**“The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.” (Proverbs 4:7)**

**“...call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,”  
(Proverbs 2:3)**

### **(2) Parental Guidance is not a Suggestion**

**“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)**

### **(3) Have Faith in God**

**“All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.” (Isaiah 54:13)**

**(ESV used unless otherwise noted)**