

“Teachable?”

**“Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice.”
(Ecclesiastes 4:13)**

David’s Biddability

2 Samuel 5:19-25 – ¹⁹“And David inquired of the LORD, ‘Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?’ And the LORD said to David, ‘Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand.’ ²⁰And David came to Baal-perazim, and David defeated them there. And he said, ‘The LORD has broken through my enemies before me like a breaking flood.’ Therefore the name of that place is called Baal-perazim. ²¹And the Philistines left their idols there, and David and his men carried them away. ²²And the Philistines came up yet again and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim. ²³And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, ‘You shall not go up; go around to their rear, and come against them opposite the balsam trees. ²⁴And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then rouse yourself, for then the LORD has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines.’ ²⁵And David did as the LORD commanded him, and struck down the Philistines from Geba to Gezer.”

Psalms 27:4 – “One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.”

Asaph’s Adaptability

Psalms 73:16-17, 24 – ¹⁶“But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, ¹⁷until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. ²⁴You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.”

Asa's Stupidity

2 Chronicles 16:7-10 – ⁷“At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, ‘Because you relied on the king of Syria, and did not rely on the LORD your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you. ⁸Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on the LORD, he gave them into your hand. ⁹For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.’ ¹⁰Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in the stocks in prison, for he was in a rage with him because of this. And Asa inflicted cruelties upon some of the people at the same time.”

Don't be Stupid

Proverbs 12:1 – “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.”

Jeremiah 10:8, 14, 21, 23-24 – ⁸“They are both stupid and foolish; the instruction of idols is but wood!

¹⁴Every man is stupid and without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols, for his images are false, and there is no breath in them.

²¹For the shepherds are stupid and do not inquire of the LORD; therefore they have not prospered, and all their flock is scattered.

²³I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps. ²⁴Correct me, O LORD, but in justice; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing.”

Be Filled with the Spirit

Ephesians 5:17-18 – ¹⁷“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.”

Proverbs 1:23 – “If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.”