

Exhibiting Wise Behavior

By Mike Riley

In 1 Samuel 18:5; 1 Samuel 18:14-15 and 1 Samuel 18:30, the writer tells us that David “behaved wisely.” He behaved “more wisely than all the servants of Saul so that his name became highly esteemed” (1 Samuel 18:30).

The phrase “highly esteemed” suggests the idea of an unusual respect. David was not only honored by all the people, but more significantly, he was highly respected by those in Saul’s court who were impressed by his noble character.

As Christians come to know Jesus through obedience to His commandments (1 John 2:3-5), they will begin to display qualities of character that set them apart from others, for true wisdom is to live like Christ (1 John 2:6; cf. Gal. 2:20). This wisdom is more than common sense — it is uncommon behavior.

James tells us:

“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” (James 3:17).

As followers of Christ, true wisdom can only be acquired “from above” (cf. James 1:5; Proverbs 2:1-6).

God’s promise to David regarding spiritual wisdom is true for Christians today. He said:

“I will instruct you [cause you to be wise] and teach you in the way you should go” (Psalm 32:8).



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer**- John Chisley

Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer**- Ed Haltom

Sermon- Don DeLukie

August 4th

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Opening prayer**- Ronnie Hayes

Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer**- Damien Miller

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Sterlington Ladies Day:** We will be having a Ladies Day on August 10th. More details will be announced soon.

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.

*In the same way,
LET YOUR LIGHT
SHINE
BEFORE OTHERS,
that they may see
your good deeds
AND GLORIFY YOUR
FATHER IN HEAVEN.*
MATTHEW 5:16

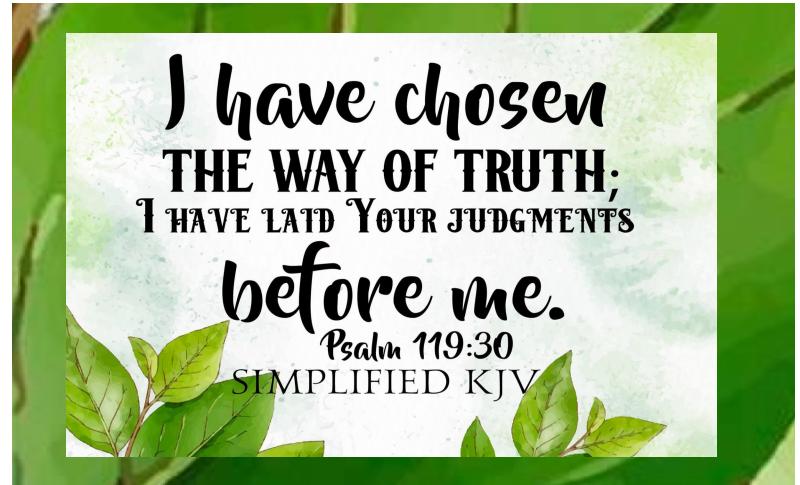
Please Pray For:

Virginia Cook, Joyce Moses, Rick Cook, Angelica Ross, Charlotte Martin, Kathy Gilbert, Ruth Parks, Michael Grenfell, Junior Looney, Tommy Franklin, Phillip Simmons.

Bereaved: Families of Ronnie Tatum, David Reed, Jeanie Hollis Taylor, Robert Chisley, Barbara Traywick.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Brigg DeLukie, Carol Granger, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



July birthdays

3 - Carol Granger	18 - Phillip Simmons
4 - Jansen Chisley	19 - Debbie Cook
5 - Lilly Delaney	20 - Ronnie Hayes
6 - Paul Simpson	22 - Ethel Ross
6 - Mary Wyatt	23 - Randy Manning
9 - David Repond	27 - Donna Binford
12 - Oddie Cameron	
16 - Angelec Brannon	

July Anniversaries

21 - Billy and Carol Granger
28 - Wayne and Dana Fowler
30 - Don and Jean DeLukie

