

Dear NU Community,

In the past few days, I have had discussions surrounding the topic of wisdom and knowledge. The two are similar in some ways, but for the most part, they are very different. Knowledge is the accumulation of facts and information, while wisdom is the synthesis of knowledge and experiences into insights that deepen one's understanding of relationships and the meaning of life. The poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson said, "Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers".

In Proverbs 8:12-21, we see the benefit of wisdom. First, wisdom comes from God (v. 13). 'Fear' means respect and a deep awareness of God which is the foundation of wisdom. Second, wisdom is good and beautiful (vs. 13,20). James also gives good insight on this when he says, "Wisdom that comes from heaven is first pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit impartial and sincere" (James 3:17). Third, wisdom helps a person lead well by providing common sense (vs.15-16). Finally, wisdom is available to everyone who will seek after the heart of God, (v. 17). Again, James reminds us, "If you lack wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously" (James 1:5).

Lord, we need your wisdom in our everyday activities. We engage in class lectures with knowledgeable professors and mentors who offer powerful insight and information. I pray this information will become infused with God's Spirit and turn into wisdom that is transformative for our lives and for the lives that we encounter day-to-day. Continue to bless each student, staff member, and professor as we engage in this academic enterprise at NU. In Jesus name, Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, April 2 | Chapel: Earl Creps | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20am

Mon, April 3 | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

Wed, April 4 | Chapel: START Conference with Chrissy Cole | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Fri, April 6 | Chapel: Senior Speakers | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am



In Christ,

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