Dear Friends,

One of the greatest gifts a person can possess is wisdom. Using sound wisdom to respond to life's problems keeps a person from generating more problems. In the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit worked through Stephen to perform miracles in the lives of others, and as a result, he faced criticism from members of the synagogue. The religious leaders began to argue with Stephen, "but they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke" (Acts 6:10). Wisdom imparted by the Spirit is not given in order to elevate us over other people or to boost our ego. The purpose of Spirit-directed wisdom is for godly people to engage the world with character, enhancing God's standing in their eyes. There are plenty of opportunities in life to take shortcuts rather than to do what is right. There are many temptations to leverage influence for personal gain rather than doing what is just and fair. These are the moments the Holy Spirit gives us wisdom to live with honor, integrity, and godly character.

Lord, I pray for Holy Spirit-inspired wisdom to blanket the members of the Northwest University community. Speak to our hearts as we live in a world full of temptations. Guide us with your wisdom as we honor you first and foremost and live our lives with the highest level of integrity. Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, March 25 | Liturgical Rhythms: Joseph McQueen | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am Mon, March 25 | Revive: Banning Liebscher | Butterfield Chapel, 8:00pm Wed, March 27 | Walking with the Spirit: Christian Dawson | Butterfield Chapel, 10 &

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Fri, March 29 | Deuteronomy: Caleb Smith | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am



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