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| Cain | Solomon | Omri |
| Nimrod | Jeroboam | Hiel |
| Israelites | Rehoboam | Azariah |
| | Baasha | Nebuchadnezzar |

No Masterpiece

Dr. Harry Ironside

An elderly gentleman, who was very nearsighted, prided himself on his ability as an art critic. While accompanying some friends through a large gallery, he sought to display his real or fancied knowledge of pictures to these friends. He had left his glasses at home and was not able to see things very clearly.

Standing before a large frame, he began to point out the inartistic features of the picture there revealed. "The frame," he said, "is altogether out of keeping with the subject, and as for the subject itself (it was that of a man), it is

altogether too homely; in fact, too ugly, ever to make a good picture. It is a great mistake for any artist to choose so homely a subject for a picture if he expects it to be a masterpiece."

The old gentleman was going on and on when his wife managed to get near enough to interrupt. She exclaimed, "My dear, you are looking into a mirror."

He was quite taken back to realize that he had been criticizing his own face. Now the Word of God is such a mirror. It does not hide our deformities.

The **Bible View**

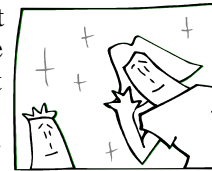



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Getting Advice

Bill Brinkworth

Sometimes it amazes me where folks get their "wisdom". I remember asking a young lady, "Why would you go to your peers and ask them about dating?" I turned to the person giving the advice, "Have you ever dated?"



"No," the adviser replied. "My parents won't let me yet."

Back to the person asking the advice, I commented, "So, she has no experience in the area you are asking about; yet you would have made life-changing decisions based on what she suggested you to do."

She shrugged, "Probably."

"Wouldn't it be wiser if you went to a person with experience in the area you need help in?" All I got that time was a nod. "And who could you go to that has that experience and is personally interested in helping you with no strings attached?"

She thought about it, and
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The Safe Compass

Sunlight for the Young

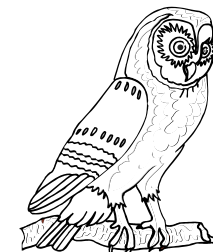
A country lad, who was about to leave his Sunday school and friends to go to the metropolis to take a job there, was accompanied to his new place by a Christian friend. The friend said to him, "Now my boy, you are going to launch your craft on a dangerous ocean."

"Yes, I know it," said the boy, and taking a Bible out of his pocket, he added, "but you see I have got a safe compass to steer by." The guide of young Timothy is still the best guide of youth (II Timothy 1:5, 2:1).

Wise Owl

Author Unknown

*A wise old owl sat in an oak;
The more he saw the less he spoke;*



*The less he spoke the more he heard;
Let's try to imitate that bird!*

Getting Advice

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replied, "Well, my parents."

It makes more sense to go to someone who has been through the trials you are faced with when getting advice. Like the teenager in the above account, there is a whole world going to the inexperienced or poor examples for advice.

Seeking wisdom from poor sources is not limited to young folks. Adults are far more guilty. There are people following marriage advice from television-celebrity psychologists whose own marriages are on the rocks. There are other celebrities that give out advice, who on the same show they are giving counsel, have their own psychologists, that are trying to help them with their own problems. People unquestionably follow their suggestions. Many go to friends, television celebrities, newspaper columnists, psychologists, and even fortune-tellers for answers. The people that are relied on for truth and wisdom often have lives as confused as those seeking guidance, and who are also without answers to life's problems.

It is wiser to have one that made the right choices and decisions in the past to help guide the way; not one that is still stumbling to find the right solutions themselves. Fortunately, for Christians we have a good reliable, always right, source for advice. Our never wrong, raised-a-million-zillion-children counsel can come from

God. Through prayer, He can direct our paths in the right way. His directions are never wrong.

He loves us so much, and because He knows that we will face many difficulties through our lifetime, He left a guidebook to help us through our lives. This map-through-life is the Bible. One whole book is even dedicated to sound advice. It is the book of Proverbs.

Throughout the Bible's pages, one will find advice on who and who not to marry; how to get friends, how to know for sure that your eternal future will be in heaven, how to handle anger, how to be successful, and much, much more. If the Word of God would be read and followed, psychologists, high school counselors, marriage counselors, and many other advisers would be looking for work.

The only way this wisdom can be extracted, however, is by reading it yourself! To whet your appetite for reading the Word of God, here is some of the Bible's advice:

📖 Advice on who to marry and who to befriend: *"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" II Corinthians 6:14*

📖 Advice on getting friends: *"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a*

"Wisdom is only found in truth." - Goethe

The first step of wisdom is to know what is false.

friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24

📖 Advice on how to get to Heaven: *"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" John 3:3*

📖 Advice on getting the right advice: *"Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." Proverbs 24:6*

📖 Advice about listening to advice: *"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise." Proverbs 12:15*

📖 Advice on how to handle a hostile person: *"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."*

Proverbs 15:1

📖 Advice on keeping out of trouble: *"Abstain from all appearance of evil."*

I Thessalonians 5:22

Unlike fortune-tellers, television hosts, marriage counselors, and even parents, God's advice is never wrong. Obeying God's advice will always guarantee counsel that is best for us. We may not always like what we read, but Father knows best. He has led many before us through the same trials and tribulations we may be facing. All the Christian needs to do get his direction is read it for himself in the Word of God, and then follow it.

Where They Got Their Wisdom

"I always have said, and always will say, that the studious perusal of the sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands."

— Thomas Jefferson

"In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength."

— Robert E. Lee

"But for this Book we could not know right from wrong."

— Abraham Lincoln

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." — George Washington

"Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations, because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness.." — Dr. Helen Keller

"The Bible is 'one Book' for 'one world' ..." Today I realize that I probably would not be here, had it not been for the spiritual light and the moral power learned from this Book, which has carried me through the many crises of my life." — Captain Eddie Rickenbacker

"The Bible is the unailing guide which points the way for men to the perfect life. The lessons of charity, justice, and equality, which enrich the pages, should be learned well by all men in order that greed, avarice, and iniquity can be blotted out."

— J. Edgar Hoover