Day 30

Praying for Wisdom

Scripture Reading

James 1:2–8

Key Verse

"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God..."
James 1:5

Today's Devotional

Few responsibilities require greater wisdom than shepherding God's people.

Our Elders carry the privilege and weight of making decisions that affect the spiritual health of the congregation. They are called to protect sound doctrine, shepherd faithfully, equip the saints, and discern God's direction for the future.

None of those responsibilities can be fulfilled through human wisdom alone.

James gives one of the Bible's most encouraging promises:

"If any of you lacks wisdom..."

That includes every one of us.

"...let him ask of God."

Notice God's response.

He gives generously.

Without reproach.

Our Heavenly Father never grows impatient when His children ask for wisdom.

He delights to provide it.

As the Elder Board continues evaluating candidates, conducting interviews, praying together, and seeking unity, they need more than experience.

They need heaven's wisdom.

Wisdom that recognizes character over charisma.

Faithfulness over popularity.

Humility over giftedness alone.

Biblical conviction over cultural influence.

The Lord has already established the qualifications for pastors in Scripture.

Our responsibility is to prayerfully seek the man who best reflects those qualifications.

Today, let us intentionally pray that every conversation among our Elders would be marked by humility, clarity, unity, and dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

Think About It

1. How often do I pray specifically for wisdom for our church leaders?
2. Do I seek God's wisdom before making my own decisions?
3. What does biblical wisdom look like in daily life?

Today's Prayer

Father,

Thank You for promising wisdom to those who ask.

Today we especially pray for our Elder Board.

Grant them discernment.

Protect them from distraction.

Give them unity of heart and mind.

Help them recognize the man You have already prepared to serve our church.

May every decision honor Christ.

Amen.

Today's Fast

Fast from making unnecessary decisions quickly today.

Pause.

Pray.

Ask for God's wisdom even in ordinary choices.

Prayer Focus

Pray specifically for every Elder by name, asking God to give them supernatural wisdom as they shepherd the church and continue the Associate Pastor search.