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Hosea 14:9 says, "Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? Prudent, and he shall know them? For the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them, but the transgressors shall fall therein."

Wisdom, understanding, and prudence [wise choices] are imputed to those who walk [live, act, talk] in the ways of the Lord. Those who do not live [walk] in the ways of the Lord are headed for trouble.

Psalm 91 and many other scriptures let us know that the Lord is our benefactor, our shield, and our shelter. His angels encamp around us to guard us from the fiery attacks of Satan's demon forces. It is wisdom to draw close and to live close to Jesus. With wisdom comes understanding of God's way and His will for us.

It is dangerous and risky to think that we can live life daily by figuring out everything on our own without consulting God's word or the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:1b tells us to "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:8 says, "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God..." vs 7a says, "because the carnal [flesh oriented] mind is enmity against God..."

Let the word of God and the Holy Spirit be your guide as to how you life your life from day to day. Figuring things out your own way can lead to mistakes or to trouble. Always be mindful of the Lord. Follow the thoughts of your mind that the Holy Spirit puts there. That is wisdom in practice.