

2023-10-29: Wisdom and Discernment

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Introduction

- Talk about milk vs solid food
- Hebrews 5:14
- What is Wisdom
 - Christ
 - Holy Spirit
 - Gift of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom the Requirement of the Deacon

Heavenly Wisdom vs Earthly Wisdom

- Story of Rebecca
- Example of craftiness - "I just took communion, but I know that we have an agreement in Deacons' Meeting that we don't go out to the water fountains during the Distribution... I see Morcouis is standing in the front row today. Okay I'll make a plan - when he takes the little boys in to take communion, I'll sneak behind him to get to the water fountain. What a crafty and cunning plan! So clever!"
- Examples of craftiness - When I use a method to "get ahead" at work or financially that is not edifying for me, or that is hurting someone else. Or making a plan to take an exam a day late so that I can cheat on it or get the answers from someone else. Craftiness.

Acquiring Heavenly Wisdom

- Prayer
- Reading Scripture
- Counsel
- Learning from the Mistakes of Others
- Reading

Why do I need Wisdom?

- To make good decisions in my life
- Protection from false spirituality
- To deal with crafty people
- To discern when to speak and when to keep silent

- Dealing with others in general
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