

At that time Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless You, Father, Lord of Heaven and of Earth,
for hiding these things from the learned and the wise and revealing them to little children:
Matthew 11:25

Prophet Muhammad- 'Ask the learned, speak with the wise and associate with the poor.'

"A wise person knows there is something to be learned from everyone."

Learned: finding God in all things; the Word of God is the way for making the most important decisions in life; Follow the teachings of Jesus and His example; Make the most of every day in school always try your best, make full use of the resources at your disposal; Follow our Mission Statement, Motto and School Rules; Listen and pay attention in assembly and at Holy Mass; be an active learner in lessons; Prepare yourself well to receive the Sacraments; At home, in the Community and in all that we do.

Wise: the ways we use our learning for the common good; in our words, choices, decisions and the way we choose to live our lives; showing respect for all; using our intellect and God-given gifts and talents for good; considering moral issues wisely; being witnesses through our actions and example; carrying on God's work as the Apostles did; Making use of the knowledge, gifts and talents of others, adult and peer alike to teach us in the Ways of the Lord.

Old Testament Role Models

Noah - Having the wisdom to trust in God.

Samuel - Listening to God's call; Eli's wisdom recognising God's Call.

Joseph - With his interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams.

The wisdom of King Solomon.

The wisdom of the Prophets.

New Testament Examples

Wisdom of recognising Jesus - Elizabeth, the Magi, Simeon & Anna, John the Baptist, St Peter.

Jesus lost in the temple

Jesus - knowledge of scripture

Jesus - teaching through the Parables

The Temptation of Jesus in the desert

The 'good thief' crucified beside Jesus

The centurion at the foot of the Cross

What can you find out about these people and these passages in the Bible?

Remember: God is the Potter and we are the clay.

I have no hands but yours, I live my life through you,

The written word was meant to be alive in you.

You are my hands, and I live my life through you.

How can you use your learning and wisdom to do God's work?

The Prayer of Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)
Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Serenity Prayer – Reinhold Niebuhr (1892–1971)

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.

