

# A Path to Wisdom

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I'm a voracious reader: non-fiction books for learning and fiction for fun. Over the years, I've learned many valuable lessons from fiction (including mysteries, my favorite). I devour them before going to sleep, on airplanes, in airports, and at other "break" times, via Ebooks from my local library.

I've recently been enjoying several titles from the "Inspector Gamache" series by the talented Canadian

author Louise Penny. Her books are set in the lovely areas of Montreal, Quebec and surrounding towns and villages, and they feature fascinating characters and unusual murders!

Chief Inspector Gamache, head of Quebec homicide, learned from his mentor; in turn, he shares this wisdom with the officers under him. Now I'm sharing it with you. Here is Inspector Gamache's lesson:

**There are four sentences  
that lead to wisdom.**

**I'm sorry.**

**I don't know.**

**I was wrong.**

**I need help.**

*"Chief Inspector Gamache" series by Louise Penny*

Little more needs to be said, right?

I made the text larger and in color, hoping you'll find value in posting this entire document on a bulletin board or on your refrigerator, or otherwise placing it where it can be a daily reminder. (I have!)

These words can help us achieve wisdom in many situations. But within the disability arena, imagine the power they could have if family members, teachers,

therapists, doctors, service providers, and anyone who touches the life of a child or adult with a disability made these words part of their everyday interactions with that person. There *are* things we've done that we should be sorry for. We *don't* know everything. We *are* often wrong. And, yes, we *do* need help. We may even need help from that child or adult with a disability in our lives. What a life-changer *that* could be!