

COUNSEL

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Psalm 16:7- I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

I'm reminded today that since the beginning of our creation, God has been and has set up counsel for us to help us, to train us and to keep us. From Genesis to Revelation we have relied on the counsel of leaders in authority and the Holy Spirit. As we grow and learn, there becomes more of a need to seek godly counsel and to inquire of the Lord. We need to be careful not to think that we have all the counsel we need by ourselves. That's a dangerous place to be.

Proverbs 1:5-A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

Proverbs 11:14 -Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 15:22 - Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed

John 14:26 - But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (I'm reminded that we need to ask the Lord this daily!!)

Job 21:16 - But their prosperity is not in their own hands, so I stand aloof from the counsel of the wicked. (I believe we need to realize that it is very real - the need to stand opposite of people who give wrong advice – because everyone has an opinion – doesn't mean it is right – or even righteous)

Psalm 1:1-3 - Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

The bottom line is that we should be careful who we take counsel from but don't let fear take a hold and stop us from seeking godly counsel - but ultimately, we need to strive to hear Gods counsel daily and seek Him.

Father I ask that You would give us discernment in the area of seeking counsel and Holy Spirit, that we would have ears to hear Your counsel and be patient for Your timing in all things is perfect. Thank you Lord – Amen.

