



A Leaders Prayer for Wisdom

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Lord, help me see beyond...

Help me see beyond...

- ... the borders of my own experience
- ... the constructs of my training and upbringing
- ... the limits of my own wisdom and insight
- ... the brokenness of my intuition
- ... O Lord, help me see beyond myself.

Help me see beyond...

- ... the surface
- ... the urgent
- ... the competing agendas
- ... the reactivity of others
- ... the easily accessible ideas, familiar approaches, and predictable personnel
- ... O Lord, help me see beyond the obvious
to see where you are at work

Help me see beyond what my eyes take in...

- ...to see from your perspective
- ...to see beyond what is
- ...to see what could be
- ...to see beyond the words and actions and plans that I resist
- ...O Lord, help me see beyond the superficial
to see the heart and longing and needs of the people surrounding me

In every situation,
help me see the hidden part of the iceberg
that I might navigate the true spiritual
and human dynamics in play

O Lord, Give me your eyes, your ears, and your grace
to see beyond myself and my limits
to know your wisdom
in all the decisions and responsibilities before me.

And, while helping me see beyond...
would you also grant me the ability to stand secure
in the reality of the present
in your presence
with unwavering courage.

Help me see beyond...
...So that I might be a non-anxious leader
patient with people
impatient with what is broken
and open-handed
with all you have assigned to me

O Lord, help me be the kind of leader
that the people,
the world around me,
and you
need today!

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God,
who gives generously to all without finding fault,
and it will be given to you."*

James 1.5