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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my wife, who has become the wisest person that I personally know. We have travelled a long way together on the ‘narrow path’, also known as the ‘furnace’, or the ‘school of hard knocks’. Therefore, like me, she had had to endure the process of having the naivety and foolishness knocked out of her by the painful experiences of life and from the obstacles and opposition, both human and demonic, that we have had to overcome.

I don’t doubt that there is more of that turbulence and opposition ahead, because we never stop learning and we never fully ‘arrive’, at least not in this life. Nevertheless, I can say this – she has changed more than any other person that I know, and all for the better. As a result, she is now my main and best adviser, and the most frequent source of insights and observations that she gleans from reading the Bible each day and which she passes on to me.

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How to Be Wise. Explore this Article. methods.Â Being humble is wise because it allows the real you to shine through. Humility also ensures that you respect the abilities of others rather than fearing them; the wisdom of accepting your own limitations and connecting with other people's strengths to bolster yours is infinite. {"smallUrl":"https://www.wikihow.com/images/thumb/a/a0/Be-Wise-Step-9-Version-2.jpg/v4-460px-Be-Wise-Step-9-Version-2.jpg","bigUrl":"images/thumb/a/a0/". The truly wise man understands how far the scope of knowledge extends and how little they know in comparison. Because of this, a wise man would never try to list comprehensively all the ways to become wise, so these are a just a chosen few. Feel free to add to them, in your own time. Featured photo credit: Piercing owl Eyes via Shutterstock. A wise person manages his emotional, physical and mental wellbeing before his monetary wealth because he realizes that actual wealth is his health and not the money.Â When you understand the actual situation you will be less inclined to become his judge. Remember a wise person is understanding not judgemental because it is easy to pass judgment but difficult to comprehend his perspective and situation. 9) A wise person will reflect his actions. If you are looking for ways to be wise then give yourself some me time to step back from everything, rest, recuperate and reflect on your actions. The whole day is about being busy with lots of activities; you need some time to contemplate. Stand still and be at peace. So, how do you become wiser? Psychologists have been studying wisdom for decades, and they have good news for us. We can all make efforts to be wiser and we might even succeed. The reasons that we might want to follow their advice go beyond the obvious benefit of gaining wisdom to make good decisions. Wise reasoning is associated with a whole lot of positives: higher life satisfaction, fewer negative feelings, better relationships and less depressive rumination, according to Igor Grossman of the University of Waterloo in Canada. He and his colleagues even found evidence that the wisest people